

T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

August 9, 2011 6:00 pm

4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Board Meeting Minutes

OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)

1. Call to Order 6:05

Board President

Time Started:

Pride through Performance

The mission of TPAAK (NCAAK) is to teach students the joy of learning and the importance of expressing individual talent artistically and academically while enhancing community & culture.

2. Roll Call

Board President

Board Members present in attendance:

(x) Bennett (x) Clark (x) Gorski (x) Kelleher (x) Strauch

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President

4. Approval of Agenda

Recommended Motion: Move to adopt agenda as presented (or amended)

Motion made by: Gorski

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye

Larger number of audience this month than usual.

SCHOOL & STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT (60 minutes)

1. CSAP Scores

- a) The CSAP scores are a direct reflection of the great teachers and curriculum TPAAK has!

We beat the state averages in all but one category and beat the CSI average in all but two categories. This is our best year yet in scores.

Check out the numbers and compare here:

<http://www.schoolview.org/ColoradoGrowthModel.asp>

2. Mosaica Report

- a) Resignation of CAO. Current interim solution and process for recruiting. Minimal disruption even though 2 days before classes opening was difficult. Replacement search has started and we have candidates to interview, Mosaica is "chairing" the CAO job for now. Eric Dinnel is acting CAO contact. Staff has rallied fantastically and is picking up the slack very well. Mosaica, parents and board have members on the interview committee.
- b) Enrollment for 2011-2012 school year
Lots of enrollment volatility, as usual. Current count is 267 K-7. We can take kids without problem in all grades.

3. Fundraising Update

- a) Review, approve and publish calendar of events.
Not ready yet, need to publish event calendar via email, Dragon Mail or on Website.

4. Preschool Update

We are at 38, 4 maybe's waiting, may be up to 42, all going well right now.
Preschool changes got a continuation, only thing that passed was new background check requirements. Holding off to see what passes in session before buying anything new.

5. Budget Update

Nothing new to report, end of year not complete, everything not in. Audit will start in 2-3 weeks. We did pay our 25K to the Capital Reserve. Budget will be re-discussed in October when we know our enrollment. Bank transition going well.

6. Consent Agenda

The Board will act upon all items as a package unless a member wishes to remove and separately act upon an individual item.

- a. Nothing at this time

7. Board Action

- a) Recommended Motion: Nothing at this time

8. Board Discussion

- a) Election update, running all elections at the same time after school gets started. Noted we would like to recruit beyond parents, from the community.
- b) Moving board meetings to second floor to the "general purpose" room, room 225.
- c) Discussed Loveland school district plea for massive property tax hikes to pay for teachers and schools.
- d) Discusses CSAP testing procedures.

9. Audience Comments

Board President

Comments about stability of the CAO position changing often. Contracts? Colorado does not allow for binding contract.

How do we get the school to move past our slumps?

Many comments about parents loving the school and its staff.

Best thing parents can do is bring in more families.

Some parents comment we could raise fees. We try to resist this when possible.

Discussed parents starting their own fundraising and promotions, separate from PTLO.

CLOSING SECTION (10 minutes)

1. Executive Session – Requested

An executive session is requested to address personnel item per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (e) and (f).

Motion made by: Kelleher

Seconded: Gorski

Time: 7:10

Roll Call:

Completed Executive Session (time):

2. Adjournment 8:15

Adjournment motion made by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call: