

T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

December 14, 2010 4:00 pm
Board Room, 4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Board Meeting Minutes

OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)

1. Call to Order

Time Started: 4:03

Board President

2. Roll Call

Board Members present in attendance:

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

Board President

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President

4. Approval of Agenda

Recommended Motion: Move to adopt agenda as amended (amended to add parts c through f to board actions.)

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Clark

Roll Call: All aye.

SCHOOL & STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT (60 minutes)

1. Mosaica Report

- a) Review Mosaica reports – including update on student achievement and excellence
Setting new enrollment documents for new students, specifically tech. fees need decided.
Information about CSI TPAAK renewal application status given.
Information about ScanTron and “Rat race” incentives with students.
High correlation CSAP to ScanTron scores underline value of high tech investments.
- b) Enrollment for 2011-2012 school year – timeline
Lots of new parent interest in the K-3 grades, many new school tours.
New Packets in: K:30, 1st:4, 2nd:2, 3rd:2 – more packets not completed yet.

2. Preschool Update/Review

- a) Policy and procedures needed.
- b) Review of report.
- c) Reporting structure to TPAAK board.
- d) Decide on pre-school vs. Kindergarten mix: Kindergarten gets 3 tracks, pre-school 2.
Limited ground floor space is the deciding factor.
- e) Yet more new pre-school admissions; currently 60-62 attending.
- f) Pre-school staffing and budget has been optimized to our capacity.

3. Fundraising Update/Review

- a) New PTLO fundraiser shirt design approved by the board as dress code appropriate with logo on it. Must meet current dress code, just a modest “Dragon” logo on it.
- b) PTLO budget report received and discussed. Proposed budget is lower than last year’s.
- c) Want to have Board do a fundraiser, TPAAK Foundation do one as well as PTLO, need dates scheduled. Foundation wants early May. Need PTLO schedules by January.

- d) School is a non-profit hence donations are tax deductible, but there is confusion on this issue, get this clarified and documented.
- e) \$20K in fundraising is scheduled to be raised for the general operating fund throughout the year.

4. 7th Grade for 2011/2012 School Year

- a) Request for contract modification submitted to CSI. We need 10 enrolled to have enough to make it a "go". Currently this is viewed as a near certainty. Will know by end of January.

5. 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. November 09, 2010 Board meeting minutes
- b. October 2010 financial reports

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion made by: Gorski

Seconded: Clark

Roll Call: All aye.

6. Board Action

- a) Recommended Motion: Move to approve 2010-2011 book and technology fee of \$60 per student, and \$30 per student for free and reduced.

Motion made by:

Seconded:

Roll Call: All nay.

- b) Recommended Motion: Move to discuss solution to \$15.007K budget shortfall created by not instituting mid-term Technology fees. Amend line 15 to 0, line 233 to \$3845, now version 2.8.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye.

- c) Recommended Motion: Move to approve 2011-2012 K-7 book and technology fee of \$120 per student, and \$60 per student for free and reduced and ½ day Kindergarten and \$30 for ½ day Kindergarten free/reduced lunch.

Motion made by: Gorski

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye.

- d) Recommended Motion: Move to approve revised 2010-2011 budget (document 314_v2.8 decided this meeting).

Motion made by: Kelleher

Seconded: Bennett

Roll Call: All aye.

- e) Recommended Motion: Move to approve technology and book fee of \$60 for any newly enrolled students K-6th grades; \$30 for ½ day Kindergarten, \$30 for free and reduced, \$15 for ½ day and free and reduced Kindergarten for 2010-2011 year from this day to end of 2010-2011 school year.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: All aye.

- f) Recommended Motion: Move to appoint Matt Strauch as board direct report for pre-school administrative staff.

Motion made by: Kelleher

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: All aye but Strauch who abstained.

7. Review Draft Strategic Plan

Draft plan introduced. Call for additions and corrections. Please give responses and suggestions to Dennis Clark by Jan. 4.

8. Board Discussion

- a) Charter Renewal Application - Update
 - 1. January 2011 CSI Board will vote – Thoughts on moving TPAAK board meeting to be after vote/decision. Decided to not have January meeting and have next board meeting in February unless immediate board action is required after CSI vote.
 - 2. Get renewal information out immediately and any new information into enrollment packets if needed.
- b) Safety concerns with drop-off and pick-up discussed. Community committee formation discussed.
- c) New community board member – Trai Cartwright. Will nominate to the board in February to allow for proper parental notice to nominate a new board member.

9. Audience Comments

Board President

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: Clark

Seconded: Bennett

Time: 6:26 PM.

Roll Call:

Completed Executive Session (time): 6:28 PM.

2. Adjournment

Adjournment motion made by: Bennett

Seconded by:

Roll Call: All aye.