

T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

July 9, 2008 5:30pm
Cafeteria, 4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Board Meeting Minutes

OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)

1. Call to Order

Time Started: 5.37 p.m.

Board President

2. Roll Call

Board Members present in attendance: (X) Eastman (X) Cyr (X) Fries

Board President

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President

4. Vision/Mission

Vision: To create a regional school where high academic expectations coupled with an emphasis on the arts provides a well-rounded education that fosters respect for self and others while enhancing each individual's contribution to society.

Mission: The mission of the Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge (NCAAK) is to craft and implement an imaginative and rigorous learning environment for teaching and learning. This program will link academics to the arts and link an arts education to community cultural resources. Ultimately, our goal is to teach students the joy of learning and the importance of expressing individual talent artistically and academically.

Slogan: Pride through Performance

Board President

5. Approval of Agenda

Recommended Motion: Friendly motion by Fries to adopt agenda, amended to include discussion of Student Council in Mosaica Report section.

Motion made by: Fries

Seconded: Cyr

Roll Call: Approved unanimously

6. Audience Comments

None audience comments.

Board President

SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (45 minutes)

1. Board Discussion

Board Members

- a) Monthly Reading: white paper, "The Five Disfunctions of Charter School Boards" by Brian Carpenter, CEO of the National Charter Schools Institute
- b) Mosaica Contract/Loan Discussion (Barry)
- c) Convention overview (Barry)
 - a. Modify Vision and Mission in future
 - b. More strategy and less reporting
 - c. Student Achievement! Strategic Planning
 - d. School Excellence: goals for 2008-2009
 - i. FTE – fill the school!
 - ii. Fundraising
 - iii. Committees (examples might include Governance, Finance, Fundraising, Academic Excellence, Marketing & Website/Communication)

- iv. Other items that come from Strategic Planning & School Excellence
- d) Bylaws review

2. Mosaica Report

- a) Terry Gogerty – Executive Vice President—
Written report , including recommendations for revising the lunch program and the OASIS program, announcement of hiring of Josh Weber as our Colorado IT Administrator, ITBS testing results, teacher pre-service training, marketing efforts for enrollment, and options for offering bussing or subsidized carpooling.
- b) Laura Szech – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Written reports covering enrollment, finances, minutes from last month’s board meeting, teacher employment, academic achievement, student attendance and discipline, and OASIS and lunch program participation.
- c) Student Council--
Student Council would consist of 7 students (3 officers from 5th through 8th grades, 4 representatives from 3rd and 4th grades). Report covered frequency and content of meetings, tasks of the council, elections, and adult leadership.

3. 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. Approval of minutes for June 10, 2008 and June 11, 2008
- b. Acceptance of April and May Financial Reports

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion made by: Cyr

Seconded: Fries

Roll Call: Approved unanimously

STRATEGIC DIRECTION (45 minutes)

1. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- a) Student Achievement metrics

2. SCHOOL EXCELLENCE

- a) School Excellence Goals Discussion

CLOSING SECTION (10 minutes)

1. Executive Session (if needed)

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

Motion made by:

Seconded:

Time:

Roll Call:

Completed Executive Session (time):

No executive session was held.

2. Future Business

- a) Next Board meeting
 - a. Bylaws First Reading
 - b. Smart Board / Study Island demo

- c. Parent Involvement and Communication Committee
 - d. Set November Election Dates, election policy changes
 - e. Annual strategic planning and training date—to be held after the November election
- b) Plus / Minus / Delta - Board Meeting Review

3. Adjournment

Adjournment motion made by: Fries

Seconded by: Cyr

Roll Call: Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.