

# T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

July 12, 2011 6:00 pm

4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525

## Board Meeting Minutes

### **OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Board President

Time Started: 6:06

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 ( ) Cartwright ( 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: Clark

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye

### **SCHOOL & STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT (60 minutes)**

#### **1. Fundraising Update**

- a) PTLO – huge thanks for \$7,000 contribution to general fund fundraising, upcoming calendar of events, and new ideas/approach to upcoming year goals. Giving PTLO the task of coordinating all fundraising activities so it can be done in one place and everything will be synchronized. Moving TPAAK Foundation fundraising activities to PTLO as well. All will go through the same fund account.
- b) Chili Cook-off  
Short term work didn't get a lot of community involvement. Next year start earlier, everyone is very enthusiastic about doing it again. We spent about \$1K and got about \$1K back. Broke even. Looking at doing this in April next year, since this year we had a LOT of competition for mind share.
- c) Looking for grant or kitchen from Bohemian or Otterbox.

#### **2. Mosaica Report**

- d) Review Mosaica reports – including update on student achievement and excellence CSAP results out in August. We have two new teachers start next week. Looking at piloting "Paragon on-line" program with 2 licenses so all our teachers will get free access for classroom use. It is too expensive for us to adopt completely. Our CAO presented at the Mosaica conference about our Arts integration.
- e) Enrollment for 2011-2012 school year  
We are at 298. Losing to new Loveland Charter. Numbers go up and down daily. Ours must be enrolled by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to count with the state.
- f) Website update  
Still looking at the new Mosaica site, we have some issues, will be suggesting more changes soon. We want our dragon on the first page!

### **3. Marketing Update**

- a) Church rental agreement update.

Expectations were updated and alignment was achieved. Everyone is fine with this.

### **4. Preschool Update**

New state rules could cost us over \$5K, however, these are not settled yet so we'll have to see. Home Depot has intimated that they can help us a lot with this.

Pre-school director review coming up.

### **5. Budget Update**

Third party Audit coming up soon, an area of concern is our unrestricted reserve.

Our June books close out for the year will be in August when all accounts settle. We have a deficit of \$41K, but have money that has not come in yet.

NOTE: Matt was a Bas Bleu employee until Nov. 2010. Had to be stated because we had a financial arrangement in 2011.

We will need statements of cash flow because we will be using operating cash to cover expenses due to funding losses from the state.

CSI concerned about enrollment, We are low, need 20+ 1-7 graders to make our minimums.

Discussed teacher to student ratio, and what changes could be made if enrollment doesn't reach our needs.

### **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. May 2011 financial reports
- b. June 14, 2011 TPAAK Board meeting minutes

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion made by: Gorski

Seconded: Strauch

Roll Call: All aye

### **7. Board Action**

- a) Recommended Motion: Approve the 2011-2012 student handbook pending discussed amendments.

Motion made by: Gorski

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye.

(Pending discussed amendments: Pg. 28 E.2, Page 5 "suspension and expulsion" wording, Page 15: Dress code & CAO intervention.)

- b) Recommended Motion: Approve the revised/updated 2011-2012 school calendar.

Motion made by: Clark

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye.

- c) Recommended Motion: Approve moving TPAAK banking and related accounts to U.S. Bank. Will be completed within 3 months after all prior activity has worked through.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye.

- d) Recommended Motion: Move TPAAK school board meetings to 6pm.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye.

### **8. Board Discussion**

- a) Election update

Merinda Bennett will be stepping down in March, and Matt Strauch will be leaving us in June of 2012.

Put the Dawn Eidelman DVC on a kiosk for viewing? An idea if we don't get it on the web site.

- b) Board presentation to parents on Paragon  
We don't have a volunteer to do this yet.

***CLOSING SECTION (10 minutes)***

**1. Executive Session – None**

**2. Adjournment: 7:17**

Adjournment motion made by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call: By unanimous consent.