

T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

May 10, 2011 4:00 pm

4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Board Meeting Minutes

OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)

1. Call to Order

Board President

Time Started: 4:03

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: Strauch

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: All Aye

SCHOOL & STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT (60 minutes)

1. Mosaica Report

- a) Review Mosaica reports – including update on student achievement and excellence
Third grade CSAP released, 87% proficient in reading, the rest out late July.
- b) Enrollment for 2011-2012 school year
Currently at 308, we need 340 by school start.
- c) Website changes to match Mosaica's format
We want many changes to customize our page to us, currently looks like a cookie-cutter page for Mosaica.
- d) Grouping & Looping Concerns
BIG discussion. Looping will still be done where it can be done, grouping will always be done, but moving between classes in K and 1st may not be practical due to settling chaos.

2. Marketing Update

Jen, with help from Trai working on marketing and brochures. Sorting through what did and did not work is slower than thought it would be.

Parent survey done and results being mailed out. Useful information for marketing is there. There were over 70 respondents.

3. Preschool Update/Review

- a) Excellent Larimer County Health Department Inspection

4. Fundraising Update

- a) Chillii Cookoff – Tasks needing support, Entry deadline June 12th, or so. Working radio

stations, Chamber of Commerce, rival clubs and café's for entries. Band lined up, venue set. Proceeding well.

5. Budget Update

- a) Current 2010-2011 Budget
Some items over, some under. Deficit picture unchanged from last month.
- b) Next Year 2011-2012 Budget, CSI accepted 340 student estimate budget.

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. March 2011 financial reports
- b. Board meeting minutes from April 12 and April 25 of 2011.

Recommended Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: all aye

7. Board Action

- a) Recommended Motion: Approve the revised/updated 2010-2011 Budget version _____.
*** Tabled until June meeting when we have an update closer to the new year.

- a) (added) Move board elections to match PTLO, SAC and Foundation election date.

Motion made by: Clark

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye

- b) Recommended Motion: Appoint Merinda Bennett as an additional Board representative for the Foundation.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: All aye

8. Board Discussion

- a) Election update
Had no candidates come forward for parent board election.
- b) Spanish/foreign language goals
Parents and board feel strongly that this is the first thing to be re-instated when budget allows.
- c) IT solutions for expanding language & Paragon.
Current cost to expand network bandwidth is prohibitive if we go it alone, looking for partners.
- d) Board presentation to parents on Paragon
Working to get Dawn Eidelman's presentation on Paragon and its goals on website for parents. Outstanding presentation that we feel can REALLY sell the program.
- e) Additional Board meetings for remainder of school year - May 24, 2011 at 6pm and June 21, 2011 at 6pm

9. Audience Comments

Board President

At this time the Board listens to the public's comments. In order to address the Board you must sign in prior to the start of the meeting.

Many parent comments and concerns about school looping and grouping. A great deal of misunderstanding existed on this. There is no substantive change, just adjustments to help with K and 1st and dealing with teacher changes which make some looping not possible. Dragonmail will move to Monday so it will be of more use to parents at the beginning of the week.

Some parents are not getting announcement email, need to check spelling of addresses to confirm correctness for those not getting announcements.

Discussed removing the requirement for so many parents on the board. Recognition that parents are simply too busy to do this well. Need to recruit more from the community for the board.

CLOSING SECTION (10 minutes)

1. Executive Session – Request to review personnel

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: Kelleher

Time: 5:51

Roll Call: All aye

Completed Executive Session (time):

2. Adjournment

Adjournment motion made by: group assent

Seconded by:

Roll Call: All aye