

T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

May 14, 2013 6:00 pm

4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Board Meeting Minutes

OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)

1. Call to Order

Board President

Time Started: 6:00 PM

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:

() Bennett (x) Clark (x) Gorski (x) Kornfeld (x) Wager - Robertson

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President

4. 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.

Recommended Motion: Move to approve Consent Agenda as presented (or amended)

Motion made by: Gorski

Seconded: Wager-Robertson

Roll Call: () Bennett (x) Clark (x) Gorski (x) Kornfeld (x) Wager - Robertson

Approval of April 9, 2013 minutes.

Approval of March financials.

SCHOOL & STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT (60 minutes)

1. Mosaica Report – including enrollment

Three resignations, two were teachers. Still looking for Spanish teacher. CSI testing window is sufficient, we won't need to re-do next years calendar. 11 new student teachers coming on. Did not get enough interest in summer programs to get them organized this year. More specials teachers got their full licenses.

Fund raisers:

Student Council: \$89

Movie Night : \$210

Jeans Spirit Day: \$35

Dragon Breath Chilli Cookoff: \$1900!

2012 GT plan was useful to define early starter assignments so we won't lose funding on them in the future. TCAP 3rd graders goal of 86.5% reading proficiency was exceeded: 89%. We beat all CSI schools and all TPAAK schools in Colorado and are in the top 5 of all Mosaica schools!

Discussed waiting list cutoff numbers. 41 middle school students enrolled right now.

2. Best of TPAAK:

9 out of the 15 students chosen in the Colorado Paver Projects were TPAAK.

Our Young Chateaugay was a HUGE success for 3rd and 4th grades, 150 attended every night.

Barry Eastman: NY Life Insurance Stock Market Exchange Game: Of 5+ teams competing, TPAAK had 2 teams invited to Award Ceremony.

3. **Marketing** – Growing up Ft. Collins Posters are going out again for Fort Collins and North Loveland. Planning door hangers in geographic radius centered on the school. This is an edited form of our current flyer. GeoAdvertising to float us better on web searches, we are not yet to the first page. Good lead and tours going on, not certain about mailer or email. We will have more formal ideas next month.
Grants: Artworks grant is stalled awaiting specials teachers class plans and videos, as well as a few other small June releases of paperwork. Discussed several other grant options and ideas. Discussed local grants and curriculum grants for new programs and existing programs. Need some numbers from the treasurer to complete the Colorado Common Grant forms. Our intern is finishing up a calendar for grant submission deadlines. Discussed summer teacher gatherings to propose curriculum to be used with grant applications – mostly with specials teachers.
4. **Inclement weather policy**
We follow PSD days and policies. This year they made some odd choices that we had little choice but to follow. ACTION ITEM: Add explicit text to school policy documents explaining this.
5. **Early literacy Project/Information**
We are part of an literacy cohort grant, it gives us all new text books, tests and training for us. Diebles is moving to Diebles Next, we'll get needed hardware and software through this grant.
6. **Fine Arts proposed budget**
The Music teacher gave us her tiered needs and wants and talked about sound needs for the cafeteria. Discussed sources of money and grants and funding strategies. Dates are needed on the calendar to help promotional scheduling. Noted DonorsChoose.com site as a possible source of money.
7. **PTLO report/questions**
Questions and answers:
Will the board be giving out T-shirts again next year? Answer: Yes, to all students
Will we be at Charter School 20th Anniversary event on June 3? Answer: no, too expensive.
Discussed an overview of how PTLO's funds fit into school funding process and what power the PTLO has vs. the Board with respect to these funds. Answer: We have influence and final say, but as a rule we (the Board) stay out of their decisions unless we need something.
8. **Champions**
Champions gave a presentation. Our association has been good and we plan on offering them again. We had a big jump in 2013-14 enrollment here and a very high re-enrollment rate. Discussed changes due to room changes next year.
9. **Strategic Planning**
Discussed IT infrastructure upgrade and school computer upgrades. We would like a better wide screen for Cafetorium presentations. Eric has a contact idea. Discussed the idea of a classroom "patron" to help with computer memory upgrade funding –It isn't very expensive on an individual classroom basis.
10. **Budget Overview**
Working on Paul Family presentations and Mosaica presentations about debt loading and future funding. We are working on curriculum grants, we've trimmed our marketing budget. We currently have a \$105K shortfall. With a deferral from Mosaica and some more fundraisers, we can be balanced.
11. **Climate Survey**
Classroom engagement: 90%, Environmental assessments: 80+% happy.
12. **Audience Comments**
None, except for presentations from grant writer and Champions.

13. Board Action

Recommended Motion: Move to approve Projects 2013-14 Budget

Motion made by: Kornfeld Seconded: Wager-Robertson

Roll Call: () Bennett (Aye) Clark (Aye) Gorski (Aye) Kornfeld (Aye) Wager-Robertson

CLOSING SECTION (10 minutes)

1. Adjournment 8:10 PM

Adjournment motion made by:

Executive Session Requested.

Moved by: Kornfeld Second: Wager-Robertson

Roll Call: () Bennett (Aye) Clark (Aye) Gorski (Aye) Kornfeld (Aye) Wager-Robertson

Mosaica Report
TPAAK Board meeting
May 14, 2013

To: Members of the TPAAK Board

From: Eric Dinnel, Regional Vice-President Mosaica Education, and Karen Griffin, TPAAK CAO

Financial Review: The monthly Financial Committee conference call with Roger Gray will be held on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 8am. We will be discussing the 2013-14 proposed budget and March, 2013 actuals.

Enrollment and Marketing: see enrollment numbers on Head of School report

Academic Achievement - see Head of School report

Spring Scantron testing

Professional Development: We are reviewing the Preservice schedule and identify Mosaica wide workshops

April 26th was an Elearning day/PD

CSU and UNC job fairs: Mrs. Griffin attended the Colorado State University and University of Northern Colorado job fairs in April. Candidates toured the school and some verbal offers have been made.

Mosaica Board Retreat: We look forward to our continued work with the TPAAK board. Unfortunately, it has been determined that we will not be conducting a board retreat this year. More information will be provided at the board meeting and we can review other professional development options.

Executive Session: requested to review personnel

Item	
Academic Achievement	Share-3rd grade TCAP scores. WIDA scores. Scantron Achievement Series Data. CSI decision regarding TCAP calendar for next year. Dependability- May character trait. Field trips and Eco Week this month.
Enrollment	K-8th gr. 285, plus Pre-K 59 = 344 total. I continue to host monthly Open Houses on Paragon Adventure Nights as well as twice per day tours at 10 and 1. 277 K-8 Students are already enrolled for 2013-14.
SPED issues	Patsy Gibbs resigned.
Testing Update	Scantron Performance Series testing the first half of May.
Suspensions	Home school student by parent choice.
New Hires	Update for next year.
Other personnel changes	Non- renews.
Facilities	Discussing Pre-sch playground needs with Shanda especially after weekend vandalism. Jon got flashlights for each classroom and peep holes for doors that needed them. Update on cleaning bids. Rented building for Saturday Chess Tournament.
Teacher Observe. (who, when)	Doing 4th qtr/final IPDP Mtgs. Parent Surveys out in house and for Mosaica.
Parent Issues	2nd gr concern re 3rd gr Team. Snow days.
Budget Issues	\$20,413.75 Tech Fees collected, we have \$6966.25 to go.
Technology	Brad doing memory upgrade in all classrooms. Sent out and got back Muzzy survey.
After School	Our stage speaker has not been replaced. Summer school offerings update. Chautaugua performed in April. CHAMPIONS renewal? Middle School Arts performance. Pre-school, Kinder and 8th gr graduations coming up.
Fundraisers	Student Council raised \$61 on Super Hero Day. PTLO raised \$1940 at Chili Cook Off. Jean Day in April raised \$. Summer Bridges orders in. Kona Ice May 10. Middle School Dance Competition. \$1 Fancy Pants coming up. Kung Fu donation. Box Tops at 76% of goal.
Professional Dev./ special meetings	Staff worked with Team Leaders, in groups and with Karen during April PD.
Grants	Title funds for ELL students. Karen to attend Read Act Conference in Tech Center. 3-5 gr DaVinci projects due May 29.
Miscellaneous	FYI- Teachers planned Art in Park Booths. Kindergarten Round-Ups held, 1st gr. Parent Mtg. held, Attended Track and Field Day with 4th and 5th graders. Field Day, Art in Park, Talent show last week of school. Ms. Rich invited Paintbox to perform for pre-K through 3rd grade. Final SAC mtg. on May 23.
Kudos	Dana Long - Be There Award, Eric Liechenfield -Make Their Day Award, Adrienne Yates-Play Award. Chelsea Schaffer-Choose your Attitude Award, and Tami Whitton- Staff member of the Month. Staff threw a surprise baby shower for Taylor. Ms. Radman's class top box tops in April.
Concerns	CSI Conference, PR next steps
Board Issues	Handbook, Resignations and new hires, Budget
Best of Best	Nicole Novak hosting therapy dogs last few weeks of school, 9 Teachers hosting CSU practicum Teachers last 2 weeks of school. President's Awards for Students, Duck Stamp winner and Stock Market Honorees. Summer Band starting in June! Mosaica honors. Patsy held CPI training for some staff.