

# T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

November 08, 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 ( 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: Gorski

Roll Call: All aye

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

#### **1. Mosaica Report**

CAO going through several sessions of Mosaica training.

Fifth grade teacher transition lost one student.

Kindergarten consolidation transition went very well.

David Conti to come in December to show marketing activities from Mosaica and will help Us to plan execution at our end.

Need to officially amend attendance policy to allow for individual circumstances.

We have a very low suspension rate, much lower than other Mosaica schools.

We will have 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year, it is required in our charter and there is no reason not to.

Recommending that no further furlough dates after November be done, if at all possible.

#### **2. Fundraising Update**

Oct-Nov rental to Artisans Craft sale made some small money (about \$240)

May not be able to sell off old A/V equipment, donate it outright to some needy group.

#### **3. Preschool Update**

No new students yet.

Coloradoan ads are being done, pre-school fairs, facebook and Craig's List.

#### **4. Budget Update**

Bank transition is on track, checks, debit cards, and able to cut checks. Old bank phasing out slowly.

CSI re-budgeting work being done next month, no concerns right now.

Have \$397K on hand, there is no financial issue for the school.

Mosaica almost certainly will allow us to not pay loan to them for this 12 month school

year, to a savings

on the budget of \$180K, past payments this year will be credit on other fees going forward.

Dennis Clark is looking into middle school incentives to encourage enrollment in our middle school with an iPad promotion.

Lots of discussion on bond issue and plans for securing better terms with the Paul family if we can. Also discussion about other cost savings projects that are long term.

#### **5. Consent Agenda (Amended)**

The Board will act upon all items as a package unless a member wishes to remove and separately act upon an individual item.

- a. October Board Meeting minutes approved.

#### **6. Audience Comments (none)**

Board President

Discussed middle school next year (yes, we will have middle school), we need to begin the middle school sign up push in

December to match up with other schools. Need to move quickly.

#### **7. Board Action**

- a) Recommended Motion: Allocate \$10,000 for hiring bond attorney Barry Arrington.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye

- b) Recommended Motion: Allocate \$4,500 for hiring Colorado League of Charter Schools for the strategic plan.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye

- c) Recommended Motion: Approve an \$180,000 credit memo from Mosaica for the suspension of our forbearance payments for the fiscal year.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye

- d) Recommended Motion: Approve the Finance Committee to temporarily modify the petty cash ceiling limit as they see fit to cover purchase of travel expenses to meet with the T.R. Paul family

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Bennett

Roll Call: All aye

- e) Recommended Motion: (Amended) Appoint the current School Board as members to the Foundation Board and relieve Barry effective November 8, 2011.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: All aye

- f) Recommended Motion: Appoint Lara Kelleher as President of the School Board effective December 1, 2011.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: All aye, but Lara Kelleher abstained.

- g) Recommended Motion: November furlough moved to 11/28 to give teachers a real day off, also, move to delay other furlough day decisions to December meeting IF they are required.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: All aye

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

**1. Executive Session –Requested**

An executive session is requested to address personnel items per C.R.S. 24-6-402.

Attending: Board, Eric Dinnel, Karen Griffin

Motion made by: Clark

Seconded: Kelleher

Time: 7:18 Roll Call: All aye

Completed Executive Session (time): 7:25

**2. Adjournment 7:18**

Adjournment motion made by:

Seconded by:

Roll Call: Universal acclaim