

T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

October 8, 2008 5:30pm
4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Board Meeting Minutes

OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)

- 1. Call to Order** Board President
Time Started: 5:34
- 2. Roll Call** Board President
Board Members present in attendance: (X) Eastman (X) Cyr (X) Fries
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** Board President
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
Motion: Move to adopt agenda as amended (to include Web site discussion under section 1.5.)
Motion made by: Fries Seconded: Cyr
Roll Call: Unanimously approved.
- 5. Audience Comments** Board President

SCHOOL OVERSIGHT (60 minutes)

1. Board Discussion

- a) Status Election Process
Election committee has heard from a few people who have expressed interest or intention to run. Will confirm with those people this week. For those who ran last spring, their former applications can be updated for this fall's election.
- b) Discussion: next strategic planning (4 hours) and training date (2 hours)
Strategic planning session proposed for a Saturday in January TBD, to include new Board members. Suggested: morning (8-12) on January 10, 2009.
Topics to include: Moving forward on goals, fundraising, etc.

Training date TBD by schedules of elected new members.
- c) Discussion: 2008-2009 budget
Itemized cuts, reductions, fees, lunch program changes, service cost reductions.

Discussion—
Lunch issues—possible changes include price increases, cuts, replacement meals, a la carte. Importance of communicating upcoming lunch program changes to families and encouraging greater participation.

1.5 Web Design

A TPAAK parent wants to present ideas for Web site redesign.

- Note that a full-scale redesign would require an RFP—we would look at using CDE grant money, but recommendation would be to put off discussing the change until next year if

- a) Student Achievement Metrics Discussion
Review of NEWEA Reading assessment—
 - Chose to use it because it is more accurate than DIBELS assessment.
 - Recommend further analysis and especially comparison to other local school districts. Discussion of goals to improve scores over the year. (Our students received excellent scores after 1 month of instruction.)
 - Will track progression at winter and spring testing, which enables instructors to address needs of individual students.

- b) Follow-up on planning meeting action items
 1. Teacher list for Board contacts – Laura Szech will email a teacher to contact to each Board member.
 2. (COMPLETE) CDE monies budget – Terry
 3. (COMPLETE) Goals to Board email - Barry

2. SCHOOL EXCELLENCE

- a) School Excellence Goals Discussion

- b) Follow-up on planning meeting action items
 1. 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 student addresses mapped – Laura Szech, Terry Gogerty: Progressing, but slowly—delayed report because of issues with software upgrade.
 2. Mosaica – redo contract with loans: Barry Eastman and Terry Gogerty meeting to move forward.
 3. Advantage line of credit for \$200K – Matt Fries and Terry Gogerty: Under way, contacted Advantage Bank; awaiting numbers from Mosaica to do paperwork, there don't seem to be any issues.
 4. Fundraising Committee – Laura Szech: Committee to be separate from PTLO, much higher dollar efforts. Funds to go to a Foundation set up to support the school's General Fund. "Foundation-level" means, for example, raising \$250K over the next 9 months. Matt Fries will be Board representative for this committee. We should invite everyone, but specifically seek participants who have community connections, business owners, business networking people.
 5. Communication Committee – Dawn Cyr: Suggested method of getting feedback could be an online resource such as Survey Monkey.
 6. (COMPLETE) Roger Gray – exact interest on the bonds for 2008-2009.
 7. (COMPLETE) Samantha email – exact amount of interest deferral request.
 8. (COMPLETE) Thrivent email – Laura

CLOSING SECTION (10 minutes)

1. Executive Session (if needed) ----N/A

2. Future Business

- a) Next Board meeting
 - a. Review Election Process
 - b. Lunch budget review
- b) Plus / Minus / Delta - Board Meeting Review

3. Adjournment

Adjournment motion made by: Cyr
Roll Call: Unanimously approved.

Seconded by: Fries

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

-----REFERENCES-----

Vision/Mission/Slogan

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

GOALS

Student Achievement

- 90% test scores (quantitative)
- Participation levels (qualitative)
 - o Parent volunteer hours
 - o Students in Brain and Brawn each year

School Excellence

- Full school (475 students) w/ waiting list (25%)
- No debt by EOSY 2013
- Community Outreach – 4 events in 2008 to 2009
- 90%
 - o Student Retention
 - o Parent Satisfaction
 - o Teacher (Staff) Retention