

# T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge

aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge

October 11, 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:

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 (**amended**)

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: all aye

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

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

Final enrollment count is 263 + 46 pre-K  
Achievement series testing just finished, results soon.  
After school paid employees being tightened due to budget.  
Finance comm.. met with Roger, Oct 6  
Church rental partnership, we are all back on track.

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

PTLO made \$3000 on entertainment books!

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

Need to get preschool ad on front marquee.

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

Food a little over budget (\$53), although small, looking into source.  
Payroll now going through US Bank and ready to cut checks through them.  
Operating cash on hand is around \$267K as of 8/31, reserves needed are \$120K.  
Our current enrollment does not align with the budget, cuts are going to be needed.

#### **5. 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. August 2011 Financials
- b. Accept meeting minutes for September board meeting

Moved to add item b to consent agenda.

Moved: Strauch, second: Kelleher, roll call: all aye

## 6. Audience Comments

Board President

There were 6 people commenting on issues before the board now, namely budget cut details.

General feeling is that the 2 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes should not be joined, it would be difficult for a single teacher.

General feeling that 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> should not be joined, kids need the separation between them.

Asking about who owns the building? Bond issue, we are leasing it because we're not allowed to mortgage a building. We are working on re-doing the bond to help the school finances with the Paul family.

Asking about other ideas, cutting salaries for higher paid teachers? Contracts don't allow for that. Can we shorten the school year? Our promises to our parents need the longer year. We are going to work in 4 furlough days which save \$3K per day.

Much concern Kindergarten going from 3 to 2 classes and turmoil in the kids. Super small classes make this necessary.

Asked about when the changes will occur. CSI requires the budget closed in 60 days, must move fast. Can parents take up the challenge to close the gap without doing these things? Not in the time we need to move.

One parent wanted to join the board or help the board in some way.

## 7. Board Action

a) Recommended Motion: Move to consolidate the three Kindergarten classes into two.

Motion made by: Kellaheer

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: All aye

b) Recommended Motion: Move to add an additional preschool classroom.

Motion made by: Clark

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: All aye

c) Recommended Motion: Move to reduce staffing budget by \$20k.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Kellaheer

Roll Call: All aye

d) Recommended Motion: Approve 4 furlough days; One November 25<sup>th</sup> and 3 to be determined by Mosaica by next session.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Kelleher

Roll Call: All aye

e) Motion to authorize board members to access Mosaica email server to get Mosaica email addresses.

Motion made by: Strauch

Seconded: Gorski

Roll Call: All aye

f) Motion to re-negotiate terms of Mosaica forbearance agreement, by the finance committee, and bind the school to those new terms.

Motion made by: Clark

Seconded: Kelleher

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  
Time: 7:53  
Completed Executive Session (time):

Seconded: Kelleher  
Roll Call: All aye

**2. Adjournment at 8:49**

Adjournment motion made by:  
Roll Call: Universal acclaim.

Seconded by: