Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes OPEN

Date: March 20, 2018

Held at: The Birches Academy
419 South Broadway, Salem NH

Present: Kara Christesen, Christie Storniolo, Michael Gendreau, Dianne Wright (by phone), Christine Miele, Admin: Jessica Wachsman, Admin: Ruth Templeton, Teacher Rep: Erin McArdle

Regrets: Alyssa Ross

Public: Bob Hawkes, Brian Baker, Tracey Brengola

KC called meeting to order at 6:39pm

1. Approval of Minutes: February 13th for approval. CS motion to approve, MG second.

2. Interview of potential board member, Bob Hawkes.

3. Motion to go into non-public session – CS motion/MG seconds. Motion to come out of non-public session – CS motion/MG seconds

4. Motion to table discussion of Bob Hawkes' application for board member to further reflect on legal issues surrounding conflict of interest - CS motions/CM seconds

5. Foundation
    a. Charity Gaming – March 9th – March 18th. Waiting for tally from Cheers Poker Room. We have a one-day credit due to the snowstorm
    b. Mega Cash Raffle – 45 tickets sold of the 300. Ticket sales table will be set up at all Birches events.
    c. Penny Wars extended one week due to snow days
    d. Annual Appeal 2nd mailing going out the 1st week of April
    e. April Scholastic Book Fair
    f. April Special Friends Day
    g. May Teacher and Staff Appreciation
    h. May Clothing Drive
    i. May Fine Arts Night

Collected $45,000 of proposed $80,000 budget to date.

6. School Update
    a. Kindergarten lottery went well – all but one person accepted. All spots filled.
    b. Pi Day last week was a huge success – The winner recited over 200 digits.
    c. Snow days have pushed the last day of school to June 20th. Graduation TBD.
    d. Charter School Day was Friday March 16th – great day for all networking, staff team building, leadership, and professional development held at Founders Academy.
    e. Friday, March 30th is Scientific Solutions Fair from 9-10AM.
    f. Children's Stage Adventures here this week and the play is Friday, March 23rd.
    g. Charter School Association sent out a survey regarding facilities costs. Fifteen NH Charter Schools spent an average of $984/pupil because they rent. Traditional public schools spend approximately $300/pupil. There has been talk of giving charter schools right of first refusal of state or town owned buildings.

7. Finance
    a. Tabled until April

8. Hiring Committee
    a. We have invited 8 candidates back for second interviews. Six were interviewed and two will be interviewed this week.
    b. After the first round of interviews, we put forward 3 candidates for second interviews. One of the candidates indicated that they accepted another job opportunity.
    c. The second-round interview for one candidate was 3/20 and the next is scheduled for 3/28.

9. Outreach
    a. Alyssa will be sending in pictures of the Lottery, DI, and Stage Adventures to local publications.

10. Policies
    a. Grievance Policy - CS indicated that we would have a draft for the April meeting
    b. Weapons Policy – Review of weapons policy provided by attorney. Motion to approve the school weapons policy with modification to Leadership Team terminology throughout policy for consistency – CS motions/MG seconds.

11. Public Comment:
    Question regarding Weapons policy from Brian Baker.
    Question regarding drug testing of employees from Tracey Brengola.

CS makes motion to move into non-public session/MG seconds. CS makes motion to move out of non-public session/MG seconds.

CS approves to adjourn/MG seconds. All agree.

7:18pm meeting adjourned**.**