Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting, April 13, 2015

BOD Present:
Jonathan Lang
Jack Rivas
Sheila Cullen
Dan LaBerge
Dominic Paszkeicz
Amanda Lopez-Solis
Annette Cordero
Brianna Aguilar

Ed Heron
Nancy Dow
Juanita Hernandez

Minutes taken by Sheila Cullen

1. Call to order: 5:32
2. Mission statement read by Jonathan Lang
   a. Introductions were made of all individuals present
3. Consent Agenda: Minutes from 2/2/15 and 3/2/15 approved with no changes.
4. Review agenda: item 8a will be discussion but not vote.
5. Public comment: none
6. Reports and Updates:
   a. Celebration of Teaching.
      i. Maestra Flores presented the recent work of her class in science and
         art, studying food and energy chains of organisms.
      ii. The class is hoping to go to Santa Cruz Island on 5/1/15 and is raising
          funds for the trip on GoFundMe.
   b. PTSO (Maria Tapia)
      i. $9527.11 earned from Jog-a-thon.
      ii. Planning Dia de las Madres for May 8th, 5:30-8pm.
   c. Curriculum Council: (Holly Gil). Didn’t meet this month yet but teachers
      are working on plan for Science Night May 11. Have been discussing
      reclassification process of ELLs.
   d. Teachers’ Council: (Elizabeth Silva). Highlights of each grade. Second
      grade was able to do field trip to Legoland.
7. Principal’s Report (Juanita Hernandez). See attached report. Highlights and
   comments:
   a. MOU/FUA: Counter offer has been made by District. There are still some
      things that need to be clarified, such as IT Services.
   b. Enrollment: up to 256. Recent arrivals from Mexico have been placed in 3rd
      and 1st grades since space was available.
   c. Juanita Hernandez met with incoming English speaking parents and will meet
      with parent s of ELLs as well.
d. Benchmark assessments: Most kids are making progress in areas assessed.
e. Wharton Foundation will pay for staff to attend Maker Faire in Bay area May 15-17. Maker Fair is a movement where people wanted to bring back the art of making things. Tinkering, figuring things out, learning through working with materials.
f. New classrooms: new estimate is $230K. We are looking into a grant for charter schools, but we may not be eligible. We must consider all options including using our reserves (see Principal’s Report).
g. Even if they started now, the earliest they’d be ready is January. In the meantime, we will use Family Center as a classroom.
h. Teacher’s Day 15th May.
i. SBDI Performance 17th May.
j. Jonathan Lang commented that students coming from Mexico should only be accepted to ACS if their parents are interested in the model, not just because they speak Spanish.
k. Dan LaBerge asked about the status of kindergarten. Juanita Hernandez reported that things are looking much better, and that we have a substitute for the rest of the year, Karen Healy, who is very competent.
l. Jack Rivas asked about level of parent participation? Discussion followed regarding continued challenge of inaccurate reporting of hours, use of Parent Square.

8. Action Items
   a. Outreach/Fundraising: progress made but not ready to present. (next meeting for discussion.)
   b. Discuss and approve spending plan for $119K and $15K – tabled to next month.
   c. Redesignation criteria for ELLs: see protocol attached. Motion made to approve redesignation criteria by Annette Cordero, seconded by Jack Rivas, passed unanimously 8-0.
   d. Approve revised budget for Common Core (Nancy Dow): we may or may not need a revision. Money that came out in 2013; all within our fiscal policy. Will update next month.

9. Board Business
   a. Strategic Plan: No update. Plan is finished.
   b. Summer Retreat: We will work on new strategic plan. June 20, 27, July 25, Aug 22 possible dates. Jonathan will follow up with group.
   c. Next meeting date/agenda items. May 6th @ 5:30.
      i. Review the 990/199 Tax Information Returns -Due May 15
      ii. Approve the Split Payroll Calendar as of July 2015 (Certificated Staff)
      iii. Approve raises for Management and Classified
      iv. Update Principal Employment Agreement
      v. Approve hires
      vi. Approve Budget Revisions (One Time and Common Core)
      vii. Approve Funding for Portables

10. Closed Session: 7:11pm.
a. Board discussed hiring of teacher candidate; approved unanimously.

11. Meeting adjourned. 7:24pm.

Minutes approved: 5/14/15