Arcadia Charter School

School Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017

**It is the mission of Arcadia Charter School to prepare our students to transition intellectually, emotionally and ethically to higher education and future employment.**

***2016-2017 Board Goals***

1. *Complete hiring of Executive Director*
2. *Prepare Arcadia for a smooth transition to a long-term Executive Director*
3. *Get broader participation in committees and parent team*
4. Call meeting to order 6:33pm
5. Verify Quorum
   1. Sean Fox, Laura Stelter, Gary Braun, Sheri Acosta, Kate Werner, Tiana Wells
   2. Others present: Barb Wornson, Rebecca McMullen, Erin Savre, Allison Trezona, Logan Schafer, Nandini Schneider, Sarah Bond, Lisa Malecha, Jon Malecha, Logan Wells
6. Approve Agenda
   1. Motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously:1st - Gary, 2nd - Sheri
7. Consent Agenda
   1. January 12, 2017 minutes
   2. Motion to approve Dec 12, 2017 minutes passed unanimously: 1st - Sheri, 2nd - Laura
8. Speaker’s Corner - - This is an opportunity for community members to address the Arcadia School Board on subjects related to the school. Please limit comments to three minutes. Thank you.
9. Reports:
   1. St. Olaf Community Experience Project Reports
      1. Review of Mission Statement - Erin Savre and Allison Trezona
      2. Ethics, Art, Project-based learning, Concerns in gaps in math knowledge (alum), strong student satisfaction, technology provided and sufficient for project work, Health
      3. Recommendations: more direct reference of mission statement, re-commit to technology goal, more specific definition of “wellness of the whole person” and critical thinking, doing more to market Arcadia as a project-based learning school.
      4. How are Arcadia Students Educated? - Logan Schafer and Nandini Schneider
      5. Scheduling, The Value of Project-Based Learning, PBL and Mission, Progressive Education, Innovative Learning
   2. Communication & Fundraising Report
      1. Logan Wells reports - In contact with VFW to host a Pancake Breakfast to benefit three May Term seminars. Stay tuned.
   3. Director’s Report
      1. Enrollment at 128, 6 full-time/out of the building PSEO students, adding students to replace full time PSEO
      2. JMC Database - looking into using the things we already pay for (health and immunization data, special education accommodations, test scores, and possibly grades, schedules, syllabi, assignments)
      3. Looking for licensure for high need, low population classes (i.e. physics and chemistry), looking for free or low cost online/blended classes, looking into the possibility of creating a waiver for “innovative programs” through MDE
      4. Reauthorization Process - successful site visit on Tuesday, Jan 31, 2017. Educational goals will continue with math and science, non-academic goals will be generated by the unpacking of the vision.
      5. New website - please enjoy - give comments
   4. Finance Committee Report
      1. Gary Braun summarized committee’s findings. Finances are in order and no concerns were highlighted. We received a grant for busses to the Ordway. A student project grant was approved for $125. Rebecca attended a workshop for FY18 Budget planning. Revised Budget presented.
   5. Transition Advisory Committee Report
      1. Sean Fox reports that the committee will continue to refine communications from school to families, will integrate The Arcadia Experience into fall orientation, Next phase: hiring a long-term Executive Director. Next meeting: Thursday, Feb 23 at 6:30pm
   6. Chair Report
      1. Need to fill vacant board seat - must be a parent. Discussion about appointment and election process.

1. Unfinished Business
   1. Policy 902: 2nd reading of the policy “Use of School Facilities and Equipment”, with modifications proposed to revise the policy
   2. Motion to approve Policy 902 as amended passed unanimously 1st - Larua, 2nd Tiana
   3. Policy 209: 2nd reading of the policy “Code of Ethics”, with modifications proposed to revise the policy
   4. Motion to approve Policy 209 as amended passed unanimously 1st - Gary, 2nd Laura
2. New Business
   1. Executive Director search process - Sean presents draft of process
   2. Announcements
      1. Need to update wellness policy
   3. Next Board meeting March 9
3. Motion to Adjourn passed unanimously: 1st - Sheri, 2nd - Laura