

Arcadia Charter School
School Board Meeting Minutes
June 12,2014

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

1. Call meeting to order at 6:35pm
2. Verify Quorum: Sheri Acosta, LauraStelter, Kate Beiswanger, Sean Fox, Gary Braun, TomKastan
 - a. Also present: Ryan Krominga
3. Approve agenda
 - a. 1st: LauraStelter
 - b. 2nd: Sean Fox
 - c. Unanimous
4. Consent Agenda:
 - (a) Approve minutes from May 8, 2014
 - (b) Certify Board Election results
 - (c) Review Policy 902- Rebecca will create an application
 - (d) Review Policy 902.1
 - (e) Review Policy 902.2

Motion to Approve

- 1st: Sean Fox
 - 2nd: TomKastan
- Unanimous

5. 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.
6. Reports:
 - (a) Finance Committee Report
 - a. Bank Reconciliation
 - a.i. N/A
 - b. Grants and Fundraising Review
 - b.i. Ordway Bus Grants/ May Term Great Performers
 - c. Financial Due Dates
 - c.i. Fiscal Year End – June 30, 2014
 - d. Expenditure/Revenue Report
 - d.i. In conversations with landlord about replacing a heating unit - new heating units may reduce utility costs
 - e. Cash Flow Report
 - e.i. Reviewed – looks great
 - f. Assigned Fund Balance Report

- f.i. Add revenue from Spring Play “Peter Pan” to Art Assigned Fund
 - g. Discussion
 - g.i. Current Revised FY14 budget approved for Final FY14
 - g.ii. Employee insurance benefit portion
 - g.iii. State increased per pupil funding \$25/pupil = ~\$3500
 - g.iv. State referendum funding = \$24,000
 - (b) Director’s Report
 - a. May Term – End of Year
 - a.i. May Term was a ton of fun!
 - a.ii. Courses: Ecology of Rivers, Agronomy, Great Performers, Film Studies, Recreational Activities, Mystery Writing, Black Gold, Tasty Topics
 - b. Teacher Recruitment
 - b.i. Posted for a 1.0FTE Math Teacher/Advisor Position with MN Assoc. of Charter Schools and EdPost. We received one application so far.
 - b.ii. We need to decide on whether to post for a 0.5FTE Spanish teacher or try a more innovative electronic route for Spanish
 - c. Staff Workshops
 - c.i. Scheduled for Monday – Wednesday. Transcripts will be mailed on Friday, June 13
 - c.ii. Staff worked on grades and comments for transcripts, the 2014-2015 schedule, 2015 May Term planning, and a staff development project.
 - c.iii. Staff will work through the high school project process this summer. Each staff member will go through all of the steps and finalizing their projects in August. They will present their projects to students in the next school year.
 - d. Summer Work
 - d.i. New floor in the Great Room
 - d.ii. Curriculum & Technology is being ordered for the next year after July 1.
 - d.iii. YPTW starts on June 16 and will be in the building for 2 weeks. The return for 3 weeks in July.
 - d.iv. There will be a math/computer programming camp at Arcadia for 1 week in August.
 - (c) Chair Report
 - a. Executive Board positions are open in August
 - b. School Board Social went well
 - (d) Student Representative Report
7. Unfinished Business:
- (a) Policy 604- tabled March 13, 2014
 - (b) Policy 615- sent to Education Committee
 - (c) Policy 806- get suggestions from our police liaison

8. New Business:

(a) Policy Briefs

a. New legislative policy briefs –

- i. Policy 1: Safe & Support Schools Act - bullying
- ii. Policy 2: Changes in charter school law, won't affect us this coming year
- iii. Policy 6: Open Meeting Law & Data Practices Laws
- iv. Policy 7: Human Rights & Employment Laws – do we have procedures in place?
- v. Policy 8: School Facilities
- vi. Policy 9: New Education Funding - \$25/pupil funding

b. Form an ad hoc committee (Gary, Ryan, Tom, Laura) to go through policies on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 @ 5:00pm

(b) Employee Benefits

- a. Employer contribution to staff benefits has remained the same since the opening of the school. A proposal to increase the contribution and/or to explore other options. Ryan suggests we do some more analysis in July to implement in August with new teacher agreements.
 - i. Laura and Sean will look into this.
 - ii. New insurance policies/benefits begin in October

(c) Policy 903 Building Visitor policy

- a. Put on policy review committee agenda

(d) Policy 910 Parent Involvement Policy

- a. Put on policy review committee agenda

(e) DJJD parade

- a. Student Council will be helping with this.

9. Announcements:

(a) **Next meeting August 14, 2014**

(b) June 14th 10am - Help needed with Great Room

(c) Have a fun summer!

Motion to adjourn

1st: Tom Kastan

2nd: Gary Braun

Unanimous