

June 22nd, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Ron Wilson, Board Member

Members present: R. Wilson, M. Anglin, M. Estep, L. Hamer, D. Benons, K. Sandiford, L. Richardson, D. Dunlap, T. Muniz, C. Williams

Dr. Hamer called meeting to open at 6:53 p.m. T. Muniz verified public notice. K. Sandiford motioned to accept the agenda, M. Anglin accepted. Dr. Hamer mentioned Dr. Rice's absence due to death in family.

Business & Operations Reports:

1. T. Muniz presented:

250 students for 2015-2016 school year. Pre-K lottery: 6 students chosen, 4 on waiting list, 4 students left school in May-June, 35 pre-k's.

Dr. Hamer questioned current enrollment

Current enrollment is 230. Empty seats are in upper grades 3-5.

M. Anglin verified 2015-2016 enrollment is 250 for K-5.

Dr. Hamer questioned, if an in-school year lottery could take place, she was directed to Sonya Hooks.

M. Anglin asked if there could be open enrollment for upper grades and was also directed to Sonya Hooks.

Preliminary audit was done with no issues on 6/15/15 and next audit will be on 9/17/15.

Dr. Hamer verified another report in August and T. Muniz confirmed it.

Funding will increase by \$100 per student from NY State; Need Finance meeting for budget review; universal pre-k money is being received.

Presented life insurance quotes to the board.

K. Sandiford asked if rates would go up and answer was yes. All companies gave same rates; D. Benons asked for more information about each company. Voting on Group Term life insurance package is on hold. Cost \$3,700 per year (.13 cents per \$1,000)

2. **Dr. Richardson presented:**

NY State and ELA results by class.

Dr. Hamer asked for total amounts per grade.

7 children in 3rd, 4 in 4th and 4 in 5th graders attending Summer school. 1 scribe due to broken hand.

She gave the Terra Nova results and explained them

Dr. Hamer asked about blanks and that was due to new students.

D. Benons asked about state scores better than Terra Nova scores and that was due to students not taking Terra Nova seriously.

Dr. Richardson recommended not using Terra Nova for testing grades in the future but for lower grades for baseline.

Dr. Richardson presented Fontus and Pinnel and Go Math.

Summer packets were given out; 4 students in school suspension; Report cards on last day of school.

Parent asked about improvements for improving Terra nova scores; Recommendation was for science improvement and to hire a science teacher. A portable science cart was also suggested.

Parent asked board members about scores and board needed time to review in total to give a response.

Parent asked about dress down for last day of school and was confirmed.

3. **PTO** New PTO officers except for secretary.

4. **CEO Report:** Dr. Hamer gave CEO report; new facility for Pre-K; grades K-5 will be in one building. Ready, Set, Learn is on hold.

Dr. Rice is going to Albany for charter school funds.

Dr. Hamer thanked Dr. Richardson for her work, as she will be retiring at end of school year.

Openings for Principal, teachers, teachers-aids.

5. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Finance:** No meeting but finance chair looked at budget and approval will be by 7/1/15.
- B. **Academic:** Inquiry for self-contained class or keep inclusion class.

Vacancies were talked about along with need for psychologist or SPED coordinator.

Test improvement methods.

Letters will be sent to teachers thanking them and asking them back next year.

Teacher evaluations will be done by week's end.

Go noodle.com will be integrated K-5 to help focus and promote fitness.

Motion was made to keep current members in office

C. Williams motioned, D. Benons seconded.

Motion was made to make a material change to charter from Rigby and Literacy by Design to Journeys 2.0.

K. Sandiford motioned, M. Anglin second.

Material change to charter to include science, and Terra Nova change. Motion on hold

Dan Pasek's contract will be up 6/30/15; motion made to continue with firm.

D. Benons motioned, M. Anglin second.

Dr. Hamer thanked Dr. Richardson once again for her service.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.