

# North Side Community School

## Board Minutes

January 4, 2011

Present: Ray Thorpe, Vivian Gibson, Ross Woolsey and John Grote (ex officio)

Via Teleconference:: Pat Shipley, Byron Francis, Jim Brigham

Guests: Kristen Klein, Anne Miller, Principal Stella Erondu

Absent: Sue Cejka, Tom Grote, Steve Novik

1. Meeting convened at 4:50PM at NSCS campus.
2. The minutes of 12-7-10 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously without amendment.
3. The year end audit was reviewed and approved unanimously. The cost (\$8300) came in 15% lower than budgeted.
2. Kindergarten Countdown
  - a. Board reviewed program development by J. Grote;
  - b. Francis discussed the use of unrestricted funds being used to fund the Kindergarten Countdown.
  - c. The budget for the Kindergarten Budget was distributed and discussed during the meeting, hard copy to those present, electronically to those on the conference call.
  - d. It was agreed that J. Grote will review budget and funding with Dawn Finley from UMSL.
  - e. Anne Miller suggested that any delay to the already scheduled program would be harmful, as children have signed up, been assessed, and families are planning on the schedule created by Ms. Miller and J. Grote.
  - f. Brigham proposed that Board designate \$3000 from unrestricted donations to the Kindergarten Countdown program. Seconded by Shipley. Voted and approved unanimously. J. Grote to convey decision to D. Finley at UMSL. Should any questions arise, the Board will re-visit the issue.
4. Principal Erondu discussed ongoing operations and student assessment progress.
5. Summer School and Summer School Budget

The Board discussed the dilemma of the State choosing to eliminate summer school funding. Erondu and NSCS faculty emphasized that students need the academic extras that summer school provides. It was suggested that program can be funded it through development revenues. A revamped and more tightly focused summer school program and budget was presented to the Board which included: a) a 8:30-12:30 only program with no afternoon activities; b) heavy academic focus; c) breakfast and lunch will still be served, assuming federal reimbursement. J. Grote suggested program funding requirement of \$25,000 A motion for the Board to approve the funding for the program was made and seconded. Approved unanimously.
6. Woolsey presented financials for November. It was noted that from July through December (6 months), NSCS has raised \$54,000 through gifts from 85 people. A fiscal year surplus is still projected and will be discussed in more detail at the February meeting. Woolsey noted that loan was being paid down and would be retired over the next two years.
7. Rehab of third building (known as the Emergency Building) was discussed. There was general agreement that if at all possible, the entire building should be rehabbed this summer, even though part won't be needed 2012-2013 school year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50.