

North Side Community School
Board Minutes

March 1, 2011

Present: Byron Francis, Vivian Gibson, Pat Shipley, Tom Grote, Steve Novik, Alex Schoch, and via teleconference, Jim Brigham. Ex-officio: Ross Woolsey and John Grote.

Guests: Kristen Klein, Denise Cox (teachers). Absent: Ray Thorpe, Sue Cejka

1. Meeting convened at 4:50PM at NSCS campus.

2. Introduction of new member: Alex Schoch

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 2-1-11 meeting were approved unanimously as submitted.

4. Title Funds: Woolsey explained background and status of funds, indicated that original monies have been returned, and that NSCS has reclassified its funding status as “schoolwide” which removes most restrictions on NSCS’s use of Title funds. J. Grote indicated NSCS will receive about \$90,000 in Title money for 2010-11 year.

5. UMSL Biennial Review: Doug Thaman, a consultant engaged by UMSL to conduct a Site Visit Review, appeared before the Board to preview that process. Thaman distributed materials that describe the purposes and procedures of the review. Board members inquired about board participation and various other matters. Review to commence in late April, with board members to participate.

5. Student Performance - DIBELS: J. Grote reviewed results from recent testing using DIBELS performance protocol. Performance generally deemed to be positive, except for second grade. J. Grote and Board discussed strengths and weaknesses of DIBELS as performance tool. J. Grote indicated Principal Erundu has primary responsibility for implementation and is evaluating DIBELS on an ongoing basis to ensure it is serving its intended purpose. It was noted that ITBS is NSCS’s primary performance measurement tool.

6. Lease Update: J. Grote reported progress, noting that recent NBA board meeting reflected greater support for longer-term arrangement with NSCS. Francis to have Armstrong Teasdale attorney re-establish contact with NBS board-member attorney to move process forward.

7. Financial Report: Board had few questions/comments on reports sent prior to meeting by Woolsey, and indicated general satisfaction with financial condition.

8. Development Party – Derby Day: Woolsey reported that several changes have been made to program, including change in venue and ticket price. Party is set for May 7 at Schlafly Brewery downtown.

9. Renovation: J. Grote reported that renovation plans have been amended by architect and sent out to four contractors for bid. Francis moved that J. Grote be authorized to select bid if within budget and move forward, motion seconded and approved. Board noted importance of securing required permits before proceeding.

J. Grote related conversation with neighbor in which neighbor indicated that she (and the local alderman) remain opposed to NSCS’s presence at its current location and would watch carefully to make sure that any expansion “is done right.” It was agreed that requests for permits would be made as soon as possible to accommodate possible delays if opponents seek to block renovation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50.