

North Side Community School

NORTH SIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2018

Present: Board Members: Jim Brigham, Michael Zuccarello (by phone), Vivian Gibson, Alison Nash, Kathy Anderson, Byron Francis, Thomas Hoerr, Chris Haffenreffer, Tracee Holmes, Ross Woolsey, Ken Rinderknecht.
School Administrative Staff: John Grote, Stella Erondy, Janine Gorrell, Brian Gross, Deb Cottin.
Teachers: Megan Tosh, Hannah Finfrock.

4:45pm. Meeting was called to order.

Minutes for the September 11, 2018 meeting were approved.

1. Search Committee Report:

Michael Zuccarello gave a report about the day Ifeyinwa (Ify) Walker spent with North Side on October 3, 2018. The next step in the process with Ify is to talk with her again regarding whether we move on together in the search for a new Executive Director. Discussion was held about putting together our priorities/scorecard to present to Offer Walker Group, and what qualities to prioritize in the search. Michael reported he will speak with Ify again this Friday, October 12, and the Search Committee will meet again next Wednesday, October 17. Michael encouraged Board Members to communicate with a Search Committee member about what each feels the priorities should be.

2. Administrative Report:

John Grote reported overall enrollment has fallen off by a few students since school began, which is not unusual. Stella reported things are going well at the Middle School, with enrollment remaining at 77 students. North Side is forming relationships with Grand Center organizations, including Metro Theater Company (a conflict resolution program) and a St. Louis Symphony performance/program in February, 2019, with North Side the only school present. Janine reported on the initial parents' meeting/event which took place the previous evening in the elementary school gym. The turnout was a small, but enthusiastic group of parents who had been recommended to Lance Sprenkel. It is hoped this group will lead to a P.T.O. Various possibilities of future activities were discussed. Janine also discussed grade level weekly team meetings and the teachers' openness to being videotaped for sharing/discussion with other teachers.

3. President's Report:

Jim Brigham discussed the proposal made through Opportunity Trust for a comprehensive

evaluation/codification study of the North Side model. Verbal assurance has been received from Opportunity Trust for a \$100,000 grant to cover all of the Codification Study cost and part of the fee for The Offer Walker Group. The study itself is to capture what North Side does well in terms of our school culture and educational instruction processes. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow Administration to enter into the grant.

4. Facilities Report:

Kathy Anderson reported the Facilities Committee met last night with all 3 potential firms - HKO, UIC and HKW - to interview them to determine which firm to retain regarding the Master Plan. HKW and UIC were tied after the interviews. The Facilities Committee is hoping to make a final decision by the end of this week which firm to hire. The Board authorized the Committee to select which firm to hire for up to \$25,000.

5. Development:

Deb Cottin reported LaVonna Wrobley is a new member of the Development Committee. The Committee has already met and plans to report each month on the progress made on meeting the goal of raising at least \$580,000 for the year. The State of North Side event will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at the Grand Middle School, beginning at 8:30 am. At least 30 people are expected, including Tishaura Jones, City Treasurer. Deb also reported the date is set for the Magic of Childhood gala - April 5, 2019 at Windows on Washington. Byron reported a North Side website redesign is being discussed to make it more educational and informational.

6. Financial Report:

Brian Gross reported North Side is financially performing well. Expenditures for July, 2018 were less than expected. Brian plans to start sending financials out by the Friday prior to each Board meeting. The check register through September, 2018 was reviewed and approved. Brian reported on some budget modifications, including the addition of another Special Education teacher, the hiring of a new bus driver due to additional children being added for bus transportation, and additional special services needed for special needs children. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the budget modifications.

7. Governance:

Tom Hoerr reported on the sessions on Board Governance attended at the Missouri Public Charter School Conference held October 4, 2018. Kathy, Ross and Ken also reported their reflections on the sessions attended. Tom also reported on proposed By-Law changes, including the establishment of 7 Standing Committees, expanding the size of the Board to 13-19 members, and establishing 3 year, instead of 2 year, terms for Board members. It was moved, seconded and approved to ~~authorize the Executive Committee to~~ make the changes.

8. Parent and Community Engagement:

Alison Nash reported on the two meetings of the Parent and Community Engagement Committee, the first without parents, held September 27, 2018 and the initial meeting with the parents, held the previous evening, October 8, 2018. As indicated earlier by Janine also, various possible future activities and how to involve other parents were explored. The need to include funding for future P.T.O. activities as a budget item was discussed, as well as how to keep parental enthusiasm going.

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The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Middle School. Following the meeting there will be a dinner to honor Sue Cejka for her years of service on the Board. Board and Administration members, spouses and guests may attend. Kathy and Ross are to determine the location.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Rinderknecht". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ken Rinderknecht, Secretary