



North Side Community School

Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

Present: Chris Haffenreffer (phone), Tom Hoerr, Jim Brigham, Vivian Gibson, Bill Mendelsohn (UMSL), Kathy Anderson, Byron Francis (phone), David Yonce (phone), Sue Cejka

Staff: John Grote, Stella Erundu, Janine Gorrell, Brian Gross, Muriel Smith, Earl Neal, Megan Tosh, Hannah Finfrock, Sarah Sanchez

Guest: Travis Blankenship

January minutes approved.

Travis Blankenship, security consultant, reviewed his findings. Delineated measures that can be taken. Identified the risks. Emphasis on completion of security efforts underway and more training of staff. Suggested move out of ECC not solution to problem since gun activity moves around. Armed guard an expensive and ineffective approach to problem. Key is planning, training, and follow-through on measures adopted.

Feasibility study for capital fund drive. Muriel reviewed and compared four proposals. Discussion pro and con on different proposals. No decision yet on need for study. Muriel and select group will review them and make a recommendation to board.

Committees:

Finance: Brian reviewed check registers reviewed for November and December. Both were approved. Issue of DESE/FDA fine for violation of milk guidelines discussed. Concern that fine was so high (\$40,000) for such a minor violation. Jim called for efforts to appeal and/or overturn the ruling.

Facilities: Update given on event security improvements. Gate operative on main campus, in process at ECC. Training reviewed. Plans being reviewed for remodeling of office in main building. Richard Tao, member of the Facility Committee, doing the drawings. Master plan slowed by rescheduling of second visit of planner. Aim for second visit in early March. Placements of modular units still under consideration. Kathy Anderson announced that the Third Baptist Church on Grand Ave is available for lease for next year. It is currently a charter middle school that is closing in June. Kathy, John, Stella, and Janine have toured it. Discussion of possibility of NS leasing space for a middle school, to open next year. Lively discussion ensued, some arguing that too fast and soon, others that opportunity should be seized, space being hard to find. Issue was referred to expansion work group of strategic plan committee, meeting in March, for review and recommendation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

Submitted by

Vivian Gibson, Board Secretary