



Board of Directors Meeting October 14, 2009

Present: Mr. Peroulas, Dr. Gutierrez, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Christenbury, Mr. Couchell, Dr. Stylianou

Also attending: Ms. Dellinger-Holton, Ms. P. Couchell, Mr. C. Russell, Ms. C. Quinn, Ms. A. White, Mr. T. Deese, Ms. J Tipton, Mr. D. Allen, Ms. S. Allen, Ms. R. Hulsen, Ms. L. Bakis, Ms. A. Davis, Ms. T. Boller

1. Mr. Peroulas called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
2. Motion: Approve September 9th minutes (Nixon/ Stylianou). Passed unanimously.
3. Visiting was Dr. Amy White of Wingate University and Christine Quinn of Arcadia. Dr. White proposed a partnership with Socrates to have students coming in to work with our teachers and students. They have Bachelors degrees working on their Masters degrees. We would have 7-10 students at a time. They are currently working with 3 other schools. Matthews Elementary, Antioch Elementary, and Crown Point. These students assist, observe, analyze lesson plans, give lists of activities they want to be involved with. The focus is on K-6. There is no cost involved for Socrates and no contracts. The partnership is designed to help out the school. The long term goal for Wingate is for the students to be placed in one of the schools. Teachers perform better after having a partnership. The program goes per semester and would start in the Spring. Wingate also has an AIG program. As part of the arrangement our teachers would have access to that program. Also, Dr. White will be doing pro-bono some professional development for us. There would be a written proposal and Partnership Agreement. We can make a decision at the next BOD meeting.
4. Christine Quinn of Arcadia and John Couchell presented changes to be made to the budget.
 - a. We need to create a revenue line for "School Fees". This line item is the money we're collecting for EOG testing study guides and other workbooks/homework agendas. The recommendation is to put \$20,000 in that line item.
 - b. On the expense side, we need to delete the line "Salary-Maintenance" and add \$32,000 to the "Salary-Office Administration". This is the salary we're paying Caleb Russell to do the contract maintenance inside our school facility and the yard work outside. The Salary-Office Adm. includes the salaries for Suzanne, Patricia, Lena and John Pete. We would also delete the budgeted amount \$28,000 on page 4 under "Facilities" labeled "Contracted Custodial Services".

- c. Under “#3 Books and Supplies”, the recommendation is to add \$3,000 to “Instructional Supplies” and reduce the “Student Activity Supplies” line item \$3,000 to \$6,000. This will even out the changes in “# 3 Books and Supplies”.
- d. We need to add \$10,000 to the line item “Human Resources” under “#8 Administrative Services”. This line item covers the annual fees we pay ITES and Amity for the Greek teachers’ paperwork and background checks for new employees and substitute teachers.
- e. Finally on the last page under “#15 B&A Care”, we need to budget \$1,200 for “Other Benefits-B&A”. This is the partial insurance coverage of \$100 we approved for the Greek teachers and Renee Hulsen.
 - i. Motion: Approve adjustments to the budget (Couchell/Stylianou) Passed unanimously.

5. Principal’s Report

- a. Contractual Agreement for Psychological Services to include evaluations, counseling sessions, and group presentations as needed. Group topics will include human growth and development, NC Standard Course of Study, completed in gender groupings for 5th graders. Cost at \$100 per hour and services determined as needed. Mrs. Murray will also work in concert with Dr. Sharon Kanelos and Dr. Dino Kanelos for presentations in the areas of human growth and development.
 - i. Motion: Approve contractual agreement for Psychological Services (Nixon/Christenbury) Passed unanimously
- b. Agreement for Art Services by Explore: Beyond School. Program can provide art to 18 classrooms for 23 weeks at \$914.40 including supplies for total of \$21,031.20 or for 20 weeks at \$914.40 for a total of \$18,288. Mrs. D-H has met the recommended teacher, Selina Sprinkler, a graduate of Parsons School of Design in NY. Recently relocated to the Charlotte Area and is presently teaching art through Explore.
 - i. Motion: Approve Art Services by Explore (Gutierrez/Nixon) Passed unanimously
- c. Agreement for Occupational Therapy Services at \$100 per hour for required services according to students’ Individual Education plan (IEP) and \$80 per hour for IEP parent meetings.
 - i. Motion: Approve agreement for Occupational Therapy (Couchell/Gutierrez) Passed unanimously
- d. Professional Development (PD) for Professional Learning Community (PLC) on Friday, October 16, 2009 (1/2 Day for Students). This training is the beginning of a series of PD addressing our core values and attitudes in the workplace. This presentation is the first step for our Faculty Book Club for 2009-1010. Total cost \$200 for PD preparation and delivery of 2 hours of PD.
 - i. Motion: Approve Professional Development for Professional Learning Community (Couchell/Gutierrez) Passed unanimously.
- e. Successful Meetings Report:
 1. K-2 Curriculum Meeting: September 22, in attendance 157 persons representing 137 families.
 2. Grades 3-5 Curriculum Meeting: September 24, in attendance 85 person representing 78 persons.

3. Academically Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Parent Meeting October 13, in attendance approximately 49 persons. Dr. Michael Matthews, Mr. Frederick, Miss Findley, Miss Cornell and Mrs. D-H presented.
 - f. Mrs. D-H read an email from parents.
 - g. There was discussion on the procedure for approving the spending of budgeted expenses. There was agreement that expenses of \$500 and above need Board approval before ordering. The Executive Committee will work with the Business Manager and will bring a motion to the next Board meeting.

6. Before and After School Director's Report: There are 9 adults in the Greek class so far. It was decided that, for the time being, this offering will be only for Socrates Academy parents. It was also decided that siblings of current Socrates scholars can attend afterschool programs as long as they are of appropriate age.

7. BOD Committee Reports
 - a. Curriculum-
 - i. The next committee meeting will be Dec. 4th, 2:30 @ UNCC
 - ii. Motion: Approved Science Text Books (Stylianou/Nixon)
 - b. Facilities & Grounds/Town Hall Meeting-We will discuss the Elementary School, Middle School, target for the campaign, need for parent participation, goal of \$300K for this year. Hire a fundraising director.
 - c. Marketing-Gave out SA brochures for the BOD to look at and make changes to.
8. Date for November's BOD Meeting: November 18th 7:00

9. PFI President Update:
 - a. Recommend library policy for parents that want to challenge books.
 - b. Needed approval for our community service projects for the year.
 - i. Loaves and fishes
 - ii. Children singing at retirement communities
 - iii. Alex's lemonade stand
 - iv. Dunk tank @ BBQ and Baklava (proceeds to go to a charity-named at a later date)

Motion: Accept Janna's recommendations (Christenbury/Stylianou)
Passed Unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitch Christenbury
Secretary