



Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2014 – 6:00 – 8:00pm
Fields Foundation Office (1445 Dayton St., Aurora, CO 80010)

Board Members Present:

Taishya Adams
Jessica Gutknecht
Maisha Pollard Fields (phone – partial)
Kristin Schledorn

Absent:

Angie Ham
Ryan Harrison
Dayna Norman
Chelsea Yost

Others Present:

Jennifer Douglas, School Leader

1. Opening Business

- Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.
- Approval of agenda: Motion to approve made by Jessica Gutknecht, seconded by Kristin Schledorn. Motion passed unanimously (MPU).
- Approval of minutes from 3/11/14. Board Meetings: Motion to approve minute made by Jessica Gutknecht, seconded by Taishya Adams. MPU
- Update: Christal Garcia informed Jennifer Douglas of her need to resign from the board to take care of some family issues.

2. Early Childhood Education

Maisha Pollard Fields hosted an initial meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2014 and shared notes from that meeting with the board. The committee wanted to know from the board if they (the committee) should develop a mission statement for the early learning center or if the board would want to do this. The other question was whether the early learning center should be on-site or off-site.

Taishya Adams clarified that the school is seeking an existing provider that already has a mission and that what we really need is a partner whose mission and work aligns with the high school's mission. The board also reaffirmed its commitment to having an early learning center on-site.

Committee member, Noelle Giammetta, is the director of the Monarch Montessori early learning center and she was heavily involved in the construction of their new building. She has offered to serve on the New Legacy facility committee to provide guidance on facility questions for the early learning center.

Jennifer Douglas and Maisha Fields will set up a meeting with William Stuart and Dr. Sheri Charles to talk about the Request for Information process, and the school and district's respective responsibilities in working with a community provider.

3. MOU for CSI Startup Loan

The Charter School Institute approved New Legacy's request for a loan to help with the CDE CSP grant (which is reimbursement based). The board needs to approve the MOU that defines the conditions of the loan.

- Motion to approve MOU between Charter School Institute and New Legacy Charter High School made by Maisha Pollard, seconded by Taishya Adams. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Administrative Report

- Discussion about whether to apply for Buell Foundation grant by May 1st deadline or push to the September deadline when more is known about early learning center partners. The board agreed that pushing to September made sense.

5. Youth Leadership Council

Christal Garcia and Jennifer Douglas had tentatively discussed hosting a Youth Leadership Council launch event on Saturday, May 10, 2014. The board was concerned that organizing two weekend events two weeks in a row might be too much since the spring fundraiser is happening on May 17th. The board decided instead that we should just invite all of the students who have expressed interest in the YLC to attend the May 17th event.

6. Governance

- The board has to complete the CDE board training modules as a requirement of the CSP grant. Taishya will divide up the remaining modules and assign them to board members.
- There is a CDE board training (that can be attended live or via video feed) on Friday, May 9th; it would be great to have a board member or two in attendance.

7. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee had a number of discussion and action items needing approval by the board of the directors. Because there was no longer a quorum at this point in the agenda, a follow-up meeting to be held by phone was scheduled. The date that worked best for those in attendance was Friday, April 18th at 12:30pm. Agenda items for that call include:

- Approval of CDE CSP revised grant budget – the board felt it was appropriate to approve the proposed revisions prior to submitting them to CDE.
- Approval of extending the contract for Fulcrum Financial who has been providing considerable facility and finance support. An extension of the initial contract will exceed the \$5,000 limit established by the board for administrative contract approvals.
- Board discussion of enrollment numbers in the budget. Would the board like to maintain the current target enrollment of 88 or reduce it? Would the school be open to enrolling more than 100 students if there were demand?

8. Girls Athletic Leadership School (GALS) Potential Opportunity

Taishya Adams filled the board in on a meeting she, Maisha Pollard Fields, and Jennifer Douglas had with Liz Wolfson and Jess Dauchy from GALS. GALS is interested in opening a second school in Aurora and potential sharing facility space. The New Legacy board is intrigued by this opportunity and felt more information was needed, specifically their timeline, building ownership plans, space needs, location parameter, and growth plans.

9. Fundraising Event

Although Angie Ham and Ryan Harrison couldn't attend this board meeting, Jessica Gutknecht shared that they wanted to get some feedback from the board on the proposed fundraiser plans. They have not received a strong response from board members regarding the invite list, so they wanted to get the board's input on whether to proceed with the event.

The board members present felt that it was important to clearly define the purpose of the event, but that having an event was important for maintaining momentum. Jennifer Douglas clarified that the May 17th event was designed to broaden the school's community of support, not just focus on the current community (e.g. existing committee and advisory board members). Several board members suggested extending the invite list to include people who are really socially connected so that the community could be broadened in that way.

Taishya Adams will schedule a follow-up conversation with Angie and Ryan when they return to town.

Jessica Gutknecht also shared that Angie is willing to help Jennifer approach foundations for financial support.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.