



Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2014 – 6:00 – 8:00pm
Aurora Human Rights Center Office (1400 Dayton St., Aurora, CO 80010)

Board Members Present:

Taishya Adams
Jessica Gutknecht
Angie Ham
Dayna Norman
Maisha Pollard Fields (phone)
Kristin Schledorn

Absent:

Ryan Harrison

Others Present:

Jennifer Douglas, School Leader
Philip Cooke, Newly appointed board member
Nicole Moore, Newly appointed board member
Anne Burris, Advisory board member
Eliza Buyers, Advisory board member (phone)
Dave Fulton, Advisory board member
Carmelita Galicia-Munoz, Advisory board member
Bill McQuinn, Consultant

Work Session: From 6:00 to 7:00pm, the governing and board had a work session in which no decisions were made. Topics discussed included a facility update, fundraising plan, and communication strategies brainstorming session.

1. Opening Business

- Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.
- Approval of agenda: Motion to approve revised agenda made by Angie Ham, seconded by Jessica Gutknecht. Motion passed unanimously (MPU).
- Approval of minutes from 5/8/14 Board Meetings: Motion to approve minute made by Jessica Gutknecht, seconded by Angie Ham. MPU.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Governance

Board Appointments: The two board candidates, Philip Cooke and Nicole Moore, introduced themselves and shared a little of their background. Their statements of interest and full resumes can be found in the board packet for the meeting.

- Motion to appoint Nicole Moore to the board made by Angie Ham, seconded by Kristin Schledorn. MPU.
- Motion to appoint Philip Cooke to the board made by Angie Ham, seconded by Kristin Schledorn. MPU.

Board Terms: Board terms will be determined at the July board meeting. All board members should consider the terms they would be most interested in taking.

Board Officers: A board secretary and vice-president are still needed. Officer elections will take place at the July 2014 meeting.

Board Mentorship: We would like to create an opportunity to pair our board members with board members from other schools, but first we need to think about what we need/want from the mentorship, how much time would be required, etc. Taishya Adams suggested maybe this is a program the Colorado League of Charter Schools would be willing to pilot.

Board Training Modules: Status update – everyone needs to finish theirs by 6/30/14 to be in compliance with the terms of the grant.

Board Emails: Board members would like board emails so board business isn't getting mixed with personal or professional emails. Jennifer Douglas (with consultation from Phil Cooke) will work on setting up board emails. This requires a decision to use Google products or Microsoft products.

4. Committee Updates – Finance and Facility

Finance:

- Committee is getting in the practice of reviewing monthly financial statements.
- Still working through how to display financial statements in required “modified accrual basis.”
- Committee is considering moving the meeting so there's more time after the month ends to close the books.

Facilities:

- Bi-weekly class with Urban Land Conservancy – Kristin Schledorn and Bill McQuinn are participating in these, along with Jennifer Douglas.
- ULC is talking to architects and contractors to consider renovation versus new build.
- Pre-application meeting with the City of Aurora set for July 24, 2014.

5. Committee Updates – Academic Committee

- Reviewing data management systems.
- Lots of curricular materials have been purchased!

6. Committee Updates – Development, Fundraising, Outreach, and Marketing Committee

- Working with Colorado League of Charter Schools to set up online giving.
- Drafting stories for e-campaign.
- Back to school event – date set for Sunday, September 14, 2014 from 4:30 – 6:30pm. Location is to be determined. Taishya Adams will take the lead on organizing this event.
- Updated fundraising plan has been shared with committee.
- Video project is underway.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.