

Great River School Board Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2009

*Great River School, an urban Montessori learning environment,
prepares students for their unique roles as responsible and engaged citizens of the world.*

Board Members Present: Christina Beck, Andrea Christensen, Kate Diehn, Kira Donnelly, Michael Flood, Mary Gantenbein, Candy Husemoller, Sarah Lawrence-Lupton, Andrea Martin, Ben Moudry, Deborah Schlick, Paulette Zoë **Board Members Absent:** Neal McMahon, Cory Olson **Non-Board Members Present:** Kristin Hancock (parent), Dean Walczak (Finance Manager)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Consent Agenda

Corrections:

September – correct spelling of names

October – Kate Diehn was absent at October meeting but listed as present

General Suggestions - Use exact wording for motions or attach the motion;
fundraiser report will be included in consent agenda each month

Motion 09111801

Motion to approve the consent agenda with corrections

Offered by Andrea Christensen

Seconded by Kate Diehn

Motion passed unanimously

3. Director's Report (Christina Beck)

Director's report was presented and discussed

Financial Reports (Dean Walczak)

- Expenses are currently under budget at 29% of total budget. This indicates that the budget should be adjusted to reflect a more accurate representation and to develop a better projection for the future. This will be done by the Finance Committee in January/February, which is an appropriate time for adjustments and long-range planning.
- Because of the state's holdback we will be spending our cash on hand and then borrowing from the line of credit until the state begins to reimburse. The need to borrow is not a reflection of the school's budget process. Of last year's state projections to GRS (\$50,000), we received \$30,000. It's likely that the state's holdback payments to GRS will be drawn out over the next five years. Looking at expenditures to plan accordingly will begin this year. The Finance Committee will create a 2010-11 budget that does not include the holdback payments.
- Ask MACS to help us gather accurate information during the legislative sessions to help inform our budgeting process and communicate accurately with the GRS community.

4. Old Business

Conflict of Interest statements (Deborah Schlick)

Conflict of interest statements for the current year were presented and discussed

Employment Law Training Module (Neal McMahon)

Presentation moved to a subsequent Board meeting

5. New Business

Personnel committee update (Christina Beck)

The base salary grid was presented and discussed.

Motion 09111802

Motion to adopt the presented base salary grid for the 2009-10 year in order to bring all teachers up to a common base within this grid and that updates on this topic be an ongoing agenda item for upcoming board meetings. In addition, the board agrees to use the base salary grid for creating a salary scale as a priority in the 2010-11 budget process.

Offered by Michael Flood

Seconded by Mary Gantenbein

Motion passed unanimously

Enrollment Targets and updating of lottery procedures (Christina Beck)

Enrollment target and lottery procedure information was presented and discussed.

Motion 09111803

Motion to approve the new lottery procedure policy as presented

Offered by Andrea Christensen

Seconded by Andrea Martin

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 09111804

Motion to accept the enrollment goal of 283 students for the 2010-11 school year

Offered by Andrea Martin

Seconded by Kira Donnelly

Motion passed unanimously

Line of Credit increase and signer authority (Cory Olson)

Presented by Dean Walczak

Proposal to increase our line of credit from \$125k to \$350k at a cost to the school of \$225 (.001 for every \$1 of increase) was presented and discussed.

Motion 09111805

Motion to approve increasing the line of credit to \$350k

Offered by Michael Flood

Seconded by Kate Diehn

Motion passed unanimously

Motion 09111806

Motion to authorize Christina Beck and Cory Olson as signors on the line of credit

Offered by Kira Donnelly
Seconded by Andrea Christensen
Motion passed unanimously

Approval of contracts for Randi McClure and Blizzard Plowing (Christina Beck)
Randi McClure has been hired as an educational assistant
Blizzard Plowing submitted a bid that is lower than the plow service used

Motion 09111807

Motion to approve Randi McClure's employment contract
Offered by Sarah Lawrence-Lupton
Seconded by Kira Donnelly
Motion passed unanimously

Motion 09111808

Motion to approve contract with Blizzard Plowing
Offered by Michael Flood
Seconded by Andrea Martin
Motion passed unanimously

Motion 09111809

Motion to adjourn - 8:15pm
Offered by Kate Diehn
Seconded by Paulette Zoë
Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted by Paulette Zoë, Secretary