

Great River School Board Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2010

Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Board Members Present: Christina Beck, Andrea Christensen, Kate Diehn, Kira Donnelly, Michael Flood, Mary Gantenbein, Sarah Lawrence-Lupton, Andrea Martin, Neal McMahon, Ben Moudry, Cory Olson, Deborah Schlick, Paulette Zoë **Board Members Absent:** Candy Husemoller

Non-Board Members Present: Dean Walczak (Finance Manager)

1. Consent Agenda

- Contracts presented
 - MSHL - \$1,700
 - MACS - \$3,749 annual fee
 - A Chance to Grow - \$85/hr PT
 - Capernaum Speech Therapy SPED - \$55.68/hr
 - Website Development Proposal, Bruce Adlemann - \$2,400 initial development and maintenance; \$75/hr upgrades
- Approval of the April 2010 Minutes
- Approval of Key Experiences
 - A1 – South Dakota, Devils Tower
 - A2 – Lake Country Land School
 - A3 – College Trip, Juniors
 - A4 – Leadership Trip, Seniors

Motion 1005191

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Offered by Andrea Christensen

Seconded by Andrea Martin

Motion passed unanimously

2. General Reports

- Enrollment Report
 - Current student population stands at 255, our budgeted goal
 - Goal for 2010-11 is 277
 - Discussion of philosophy and numbers at each level

Motion 1005192

Motion to adjust enrollment goal from 279 to 277 and enrollment targets for A1 (100), A2 (92), and A3 (85)

Offered by Cory Olson

Seconded by Kira Donnelly

Motion passed unanimously

Financial Reports

- Currently expenses and revenue are tracking close to where they should be for the year (83%)
- GRS has received the projected hold back from the state for next year (30%), which will begin in July 2010. In the first half of 2010-11, GRS will receive the 27% hold back from 2009-10.

- 2010-11 Operating Budget
 - Reports were shared and discussed including Budget Philosophy, Budget Summary, Administrative Structure Reconfiguration for FY 2010-11, projections, and Transition/College/Career Planning position

Motion 1005193

Motion to approve the 2010-11 Budget

Offered by Andrea Christensen

Seconded by Kate Diehn

Motion passed unanimously

2. Board Elections Update

- 4 positions currently available for community/parent (1 year, 2 year, 2-3 year positions)
- The bylaws will be amended to reflect that barring a stated preference by the elected candidate, the position they fill will be randomly assigned.
- Protocol for the election was discussed, including how to equitably give households a vote.

3. Faculty Contracts – Role of the Board

- After discussion, it was clarified that the Board's role relative to faculty contracts is to approve the budget. Once approved, the school's director is able to offer letters of intent/contracts.

Motion 1005194

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm

Offered by Andrea Martin

Seconded by Neal McMahan

Motion passed unanimously

Minutes respectfully submitted by Paulette Zoë, Secretary