

Unity Classical School Board Meeting Minutes from 5.20.19
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Members Present: Marty McCarthy, Jason Cole (via phone), Erica Blackson, Mike Ingram, Dana Goldfarb and Sheila Goad. Absent: Doug Burkhardt, Susan Walker,

I. CALL TO ORDER - ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by board vice president, Mr. McCarthy. It was determined a quorum was present. The next meeting will be June 24 2019 at 6:00 pm at Unity Classical.

The mission statement was read. The agenda was motioned approved. The minutes from the April's board meeting were motioned and approved.

II. REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Finance Committee Report - Dana Goldfarb

Mr. Goldfarb reported that revenue was currently looking good with a surplus. With the year end, the focus of the finance committee is on three things: Our cash position for end of year, operating prospective for next year. (teacher salaries), and facilities (fairer rate on the rent). Mr. Goldfarb also stated that he was comfortable having ACADIA back as advisors and with the transition there was nothing more to report at this point.

B. Facilities Report - Marty McCarthy

Mr. Goldfarb and Mr. McCarthy are actively working towards a facility and have several interesting options. Discussion followed about the option of upfitting an existing building to fit the needs of the school or purchasing land for building. There are several offers available that are quite compelling.

Mr. Goldfarb met with Venture Capitalists who have experience with charter schools and connections to project managers who can assist the board in making decisions. Mr. Goldfarb recommended that a partnership with a good project manager will save both time and money.

Mr. Goldfarb also discussed funding sources and options available to achieve funding needs.

III. Head of School Report Mrs. Sheila Goad

A. The state has approved and changed the overall student class size for kindergarten through second grade. There will now be only 22 students allowed per class.

B. Unity had MAP testing last week and are now performing makeup testing. Ms. Goad will present results to the education committee next week. The EOG tests have been scheduled and Ms. Goad told the Board that an EOG Pep Rally was held today.

C. Our final fundraiser of the year has begun. It is a Read-A-Thon, which began just as we finished up our BOGO Scholastic Book Fair.

D. There is a teacher workday Friday, May 24. Unity will be closed for Memorial Day. EOGs are scheduled to begin on May 30th.

The Board asked when student test results for the EOG will be available. Ms. Hamp, Director of Student Services, stated that the math EOG results should come in fairly quickly. Reading EOG will not be ready until August due to state changes.

E. Ms. Goad reported that she has recently been presented a marketing opportunity in Ballantyne with Panera Bread for May 30? She requested a board member to assist with this event. Mr. McCarthy could go if date could be changed to June 8.

F. Upcoming Events: Flynn O'Hara will be hosting a private event for Unity Families on June 4th from 4 pm to 7 pm to introduce themselves and have uniform fitting. Rising K families will attend a Beginning Kindergarten event this Thursday. There are new PE uniform shirts that will be available for sale at the event and to our current families as well.

Board ended the open session at 6:35 pm and moved to closed session. Meeting was reopened at 7:42 pm

IV. Action Items/new Business:

There was no new business to discuss. Meeting was motioned and seconded to adjourn at 7:43 pm.