

Beacon Charter Schools  
Board of Trustees

**Minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting**

In Attendance:

Mrs. Elaine Moy-Gederman  
Mrs. Amy Bergeron  
Mrs. Laura Notttie  
Mr. Richard Brush  
Dr. Paul McVety  
Mr. Joe Garlick  
Mr. Michael Balint  
Mr. Frank Tweedie

Absent:

Mr. George Costa  
Ms. Eileen Tweedie  
Mr. Leo Fontaine

Meeting began at 6:00pm. Mrs. Bergeron made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 minutes. Mr. Brush wished to make a correction to the minutes under Good and Welfare, that the school is be congratulated on doing very well according to RI Monthly magazine. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brush with the correction, and all approved.

**Principal's Report: (Please refer to the attached reports)**

Dr Skeldon remarked on the success of the Gala and Silent Auction. Final tallies are not yet available. The amount of sponsors are very appreciated, but better attendance is needed.

Dr Skeldon shared the PARRC results. He commented that the results were good, but we must remain with guarded optimism. We do have room for growth. Mr. Brush spoke about a good article to read by Dan McGowan "12 Things to know about PARRC" It is available online at WPRI.

Dr. Skeldon and Mrs. Sue Crotty are finishing up with the facilities grant. Signatures are needed by all the trustees.

Mrs. Turcotte gave her Dean of Academics report, in which she was able to elaborate more on the PARCC results.

Mrs. Murphy is holding a Financial Aid Night to explain and answer questions about the FAFSA forms.

A vote to accept the Code of Conduct was tabled in the Sept 16 meeting until language regarding Compliance could be amended. The language is changed from "The Compliance Committee is a body that has been authorized by the school's board to intervene in discipline matters, hold hearings, and enter into behavior agreements with students and/or make recommendations to the school's board." The new language is: The Compliance Committee may be made up of a broad range of stakeholders depending on the nature of the offense. These members may include teachers, students, school support professionals, administration, parents and board members.

A motion was made by Dr. McVety to approve the change in language and seconded by Mrs. Bergeron. All approved the change.

Mrs. Rameaka, Director of Special Education gave her report. A board member asked how many students does Beacon schools have. There are 45 students with IEP's which is roughly 15-18% of the population, which falls in line with the state's standard.

Mrs. Crotty handed out a financial report for Beacon which overall was on target in most line items. Founders financials were not available.

This year she and Dr Skeldon worked on the realignment of salaries.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Mr. Tweedie accepted Ms. Eileen Tweedie's resignation. Do to recent added responsibilities at her work, she could not continue the position. The Board currently has openings for 3 new positions.

#### **New Business:**

Mr. Tweedie discussed the need for an Academic Technology Committee, which he offered to sit on. They will begin working on putting the committee together after Thanksgiving weekend.

After the RI Board of Health inspection, it was discovered that we were in violation of several floor issues. Floors and walls need to be replaced. Mr. Rea will gather 3 quotes and try to schedule the work to done over the holiday break. It is estimated that the work would cost anywhere between \$12,000, and \$22,000. Dr McVety suggested that since the work had to be done, this was a good time to to extend the hood in the kitchen.

Mr. Brush made a motion to adjourn, and Mrs. Bergeron seconded the motion. All approved the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2016 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Go