

The Met School Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 22, 2011

The following board members were in attendance:

Stanley Goldstein, Keith Oliveira, Gina Wesley-Silva, Teny Gross, Rob Gallo, Herb Cummings, Kas DeCarvalho and Charles Walton (conference call)

The following Met School staff in attendance were:

Dennis Littky, Nancy Diaz, Lucas Lussier, Joe Battaglia and Amy Gerhard

Stanley called the meeting to order at 8:30 following the informal tour of the new E-Center and he suggested that at the next meeting some time be spent sharing the details of the E-Center.

Dennis began the meeting by introducing new staff member Ed Raff.

Dennis also announced that two women may contact the members of the board to do a fundraising feasibility study that will be shared with the board in January

Lucas detailed the request made to the state regarding the E-Center

Teny asked if we have any students acting as pages at the statehouse

Herb made a motion (seconded by Gina) to approve May 26 meeting

minutes as amended. The 2011-2012 meetings schedule was reviewed.

Lucas gave an update on the Newport Building Project. The building is going forward as a designed built project, which should reduce building costs and ahead of schedule. The extra fund will be used to expand the design of the building. Additionally, Lucas mentioned that he went forward with a request to the state to replace the HVAC program for 3.8million.

Lucas defined the Catchment Area and the question of what the Met's Catchment Area in light of the funding formula. Dennis explained that the goal is to clarify the legislation to reflect what the Met has been doing over the last 15 years.

This is also tied to the CTE regulations of which Joe Battaglia gave an update on this issue. The school is working with Advocacy Solutions to develop a advocacy group to promote the Met's mission and philosophy in light of these propped changes. Dennis suggested that a plan be develop with each Board Member to meet with key officials.

Nancy introduced the students Sal from Peace in firefighting, Cynthia from Liberty at the attorney general's office, Christian from Equality in engineering, and Troy from Peace about his own business. After these presentations, Rob asked how these student stories to

articulate the impact that students have on the mentors which in turn has a positive impact in the community.

Stanly suggested that the agenda be adjusted including to shorten the budget piece and then continue the discussion regarding the advocacy plan.

Dennis mentioned the Science NECAP test, and a discussion ensued regarding perception. Keith made the final point is that a new cohort is tested each year so the scores don't reflect student's growth.

Lucas gave a line by line review of the budget. In addition, he briefly explained the increase in the student enrollment, offering bus to students in Woonsocket, a new telephone system, and an improved lunch system.

Dennis suggested three work session topics (NECAP testing, planning for the upcoming hearings, and the budget projections over the next five to ten years and how the school will be drastically affected by the funding formula)

Keith made a motion to enter into executive session (Seconded by Charles); members of the Board individually voted in favor of this.

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The meeting ended at 10:34.