

**The Greene School
BOD Meeting Agenda
94 John Potter Rd
West Greenwich, RI
October 15th, 2014 at 7 PM**

Open Session:

Call to order at 7:12PM

Members present: Gayle Jendzejec, Kathleen van Rijn, Dick West, Paul Morse, Laura Clavette , Dean Burdon, and Amy Pratt

Non- members: Deanna Duncan (Head of school) and Lisa Cash (business manager)

Reading of the Mission Statement by Laura Clavette

Approval of the 09/17/2014 meeting minutes:

Paul made a motion to approve the 9/17/14 meeting minutes and to rearrange the agenda to start with the Head of School report. Kathleen 2nd. All approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Head of School report
 - a. Ms. Duncan's Head of School report has been circulated
 - b. Ms. Duncan organized a meeting between the RI Foundation and RIEEA in order to start the conversation around a RI ELA (Rhode Island Environmental Literacy Assessment). Nationally, most states have developed an ELP (environmental literacy plan) however, there are very few assessments to measure Environmental Literacy. The meeting went well- only a few states have this so far, so we can find these people to help us and hopefully become a model for the nation. The RIF wants to host an event to bring these people together to start to develop an environmental literacy assessment.
 - c. Other highlights include: college counselors speaking to students about their concerns that we don't have enough here for admittance into colleges- lack of sports and AP classes
 - d. Dual enrollment hasn't worked well so far, so Ms. Duncan has contacted RIC (Rhode Island College) to have our teachers start teaching some college credit courses- maybe offer 4 or 5 of these, we have a few teachers who would be qualified to teach these courses- she would like to start these as soon as next year.
 - i. Families would have to pay for this- classes would be held on our campus
 - e. We have a few teachers presenting at the EL (expeditionary learning) conference this year
 - f. We have been included in a 3.68 million dollar federa grant that Ms. Julia Steiny wrote- aiming to reduce school violence in RI- three public schools are participating in this pilot. We were chosen because we already have restorative justice practices in place in the school
 - g. Kurt Van Dexter , our art teacher, received the award – RIEEA Secondary Level Educator of the Year- and it was celebrated on the past Friday. Congratulations to Mr. Van Dexter.

- h. World language program has been a major change and some parents are not pleased with it
 - i. The school is working on how to help each student do their best- TA conferences with students each day, students can take either immersion or traditional, feels there wasn't a big enough teaching at the beginning of what immersion is, students are feeling stress because they feel they are behind
- i. Ms. Melissa Denton has been assigned to our school in a partnership with RIDE to help us grow the effectiveness of the teacher evaluation tool
 - i. This year's focus is on assessment- when Ms. Duncan looks at students who don't get credit for their courses- she starts looking at the teacher's assessments- are they CP vs. Honors? Trying to figure out proficiency of a CP student vs. a Honors student. This also helps teachers grow.
 - j. Applications: we have 65 for 9th and 10th so far

At 7:45 PM, Paul made a motion to enter into Executive Session: R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (5) Any discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public. Gateway Lease and Charter Schools Property Solutions (CSPS). Kathleen 2nd. All agreed unanimously.

Ms. Duncan and Ms. Cash were invited to stay

At 8:32 pm, Paul made a motion to end executive session and resume open session. Kathleen 2nd. All agreed unanimously.

No votes were taken in executive session

At 8:33pm, Paul made a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session. Dick 2nd. All agreed unanimously.

- 2. Finance committee report (10/8/14 minutes were circulated)
 - a. Credit card application has been delivered to Washington Trust
 - b. Will book the liability for the utilities on the books- 2013-2014
 - a) Growth projections as they affect long term finances
 - a. Start with 260 and move to 360 (gives us 4 classes for each grade)
 - b) Enrollment funding for September 2015
 - a. Will most likely ask for an increase to 185 students
- 3. Academic Standards report (10/4/14 minutes were circulated)
 - a) Language update
 - i. World language was discussed for an hour at the meeting and Ms. Duncan has reported on this in her Head of School report
- 4. Fundraising Committee report
 - a) Lattner grant submitted
 - b) Bidding For Good auction is up, need donations
 - a. Board members were encouraged to donate 3 items each
 - c) Razoo crowd funding for The Code trip
 - a. Has been circulated on facebook and in the constant contact newsletter.

