

The Learning Community: a public charter school

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, December 9th, 2010

PRESENT (11)

BOARD: Lindsay Correia, Sarah Friedman, Marc Greenfield, Zobong Norman, Janice O'Donnell, Polly Ulichny

STAFF: Kath Connolly, Jeremy Giller, Meg O'Leary, Tag Tanalski, Marie Whitten

The meeting was convened at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes of 10/7/10

The minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made. The motion was seconded. The Minutes from 10/7/10 were approved unanimously.

Options for Investment of Learning Community Surplus Funds – Marc Greenfield

Marc has contacted three fund management companies and

suggested that the Board might want to meet with representatives of these companies in order to get a better sense of what they could do for The Learning Community.

It was agreed that to be prudent, it makes sense to interview at least three companies. The next step is to bring representatives of the fund management companies to the school for a tour and interview in January. Marc has agreed to participate in the interviews.

Board Membership

It was observed that it would be helpful to establish a several-year timeline and strategy for member recruitment and composition of the Board, and that this timeline and strategy can be developed over time as the Board grows.

Annual Report, 2010

Kath Connally presented the annual report for 2010 and then distributed some copies.

Budget and Balance Sheet

The most current budget and balance sheets were discussed. A motion to approve the financial statement was made and seconded. The financial statement was approved unanimously.

Potential Funding Cuts and Implications

Jeremy Giller presented information on the new funding formula and how it could adversely affect the school. Jeremy will send a more detailed email update to the Board members regarding the funding formula.

Emerging Expectations of Charter Schools

Sarah Friedman made a presentation on the efforts of the Co-directors to work with RIDE to develop standards for evaluation of charter schools and charter management organizations in Rhode Island. The Co-directors have participated in RIDE work-groups related to these issues and have had extensive conversations around these issues with RIDE personnel and members of the Board of Regents.

Parent Café Report

Sarah reported on a great Parent Café about parenting in the digital age. Presented by Desi Washington, one of the school's community partners, the Café exposed parents to safety and health issues related to the use of computers, the internet, cell-phones and other media by children.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 10th 2011

Recorded by Tag Tanalski