

CSI Board Meeting Minutes for Feb. 26, 2015

Attendance:

Present: Conf Call: T. Ellis, J. Epps, L. Murdaugh, W. Price, S. Darko, S. Tryon
Absent: A. Cotton

Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Tyrone Ellis at 6:35pm.
Minutes for Jan. 22, 2015 unanimously adopted by Board. (motion J.E., 2nd S.T.)
School Board Spotlight will resume next month.

No Public Comments

Call-in notice and number made available online and posted on door.

Head-of-School Report:

- Book Fair 3-9-15 through 3-12-15 with percentage of sales to support library.
- Parent Teacher conferences 3-26-15.
- Field Studies ongoing and students learning from them.
- Movie Night helps parents connect.
- Yearbook nearly complete
- Nurse Hurt deserves a thank you for all she does!
- School logistics/upcoming events: website updated weekly, school communication increased in lobby and bulletin board
- Curriculum and Instruction: TAP going well. More student-centered approach proving effective. Summer workshop to focus on student data and goal setting by students.
- Testing: timed writing tests this year so preparing students for that.
- After Care/Summer Camp: Isabell Willis-Faust reported the statistics and all the enrichment done during those times. For ex., students make a video diary to enrich technology skills. For engineering, Bricks For Kids is used, and music, art, and dance to foster creativity. Between 47-60 children were in summer program last summer.

Finance Report: Bill Moser

Motion to adopt Jan. 2015 Financial Report made by J.E., 2nd by S.T. The Jan 2015 Financial Report is unanimously adopted.

- See Jan 2015 Financial Report Notes
- Budget is effectively balanced. Line 126 question: Mr. Moser explained that the new EFA funding guidelines are based on a 74% poverty rate, providing about \$167,000. J.Epps reminds us that this is a dynamic number, not stagnant. Moser told W.Price that the legal amount (\$5,000) came from the reduction in maintenance and repairs.

Facility Committee information

VDM will let board know status of a draft lease agreement (regarding possible rental of cafeteria to community) the attorneys were reviewing.

Board Retreat discussion

- S. Darko: Once school (faculty, staff, stakeholders) defines priorities, then a Board Retreat makes sense. Look to right people for ideas to build template.
- W. Price: Reminds that a Board Retreat is wider than just a school. Must consider student population and a wider strategic discussion. Wants to be on the committee and volunteers to be on it. Statistics re students and parent input important.
- L. Murdaugh: do a SWAT exercise for curricular, personnel, and other types of categories just to get started. Retreat an excellent idea for outlining what we as a Board need to do.

It was suggested that concurrently ,as a Board, we must be considering dates and locations for meeting so that we are ready to go.

- VDM: The executive team meets next Tuesday to discuss. She already has lots of data. There is a strong desire to be in a facility more commensurate with the great academic happenings at CSI and the cutting-edge staff.
- J.E.: April or May gives everyone time to gather best data to consider for now and ten years from now. Board needs a clear vision of where this school will go and be a prt of that. Process may require a retreat just to plot this out and get structure.

Doodle can be a tool to gather possible dates and try for April-May.

Technology and Governance Committees discussion tabled until next meeting.

Security: VDM

- Going well. Security stays until last After Care child leaves for the day.

No Executive Session.

Meeting Adjourned 7:46 p.m.