

New School High Board of Directors Meeting  
MEETING MINUTES - ~~Proposed~~ *Approved*

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Plymouth Township Offices, 9955 Haggerty, Plymouth MI 48170

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Gayla Houser at 6:35 pm.

2. Roll call

Present: Gayla Houser, Carey Gary, Mike Wright, Karen Phillippi, Joanne Lamar

Absent: none

3. Approval of the Agenda

Karen Phillippi moved to amend the agenda to place Item #8 Committee Report after item #5 Public Comment and strike Item #10 Old Business. Carey Gary seconded.

The agenda was accepted by unanimous vote.

4. Approval of the Minutes of October 29, 2014

Mr. Wright moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Phillippi seconded.

Discussion: None

The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

5. Public Comment (on Agenda items only): None

6. Committee Report (Errol Goldman)

A. Update on the facility

Mr. Goldman met with Ms. Gordon from the church about the lease on November 19. Several items were addressed. Mr. Goldman will make the revisions on the lease agreement and send the document to Ms. Gordon for the church representatives to approve. December 10 was suggested to hold a special meeting for the school board to approve the lease.

7. Administrator's Report

A. Community Awareness Update

Cyndi Burnstein reported on the plans for advertising the informational meetings and shared the recent story printed in the Plymouth Observer on Sunday, November 17. The same story will appear in the Canton Observer on Thursday, November 20. The response of parents pre-registering, registering, and requesting information about the school has been excellent. Ms. Burnstein also reported on the increasing interest in the school's Facebook page as well as ongoing updating of the school website.

B. Year 1 Implementation Grant Update

Ms. Burnstein reported that the majority of the grant activity has involved furniture and equipment, website updating, and advertising.

C. CMU Annual Conference

Ms. Houser, Ms. Gary, Ms. Burnstein, and Judy Arkwright attended the CMU Annual Conference in Novi on October 30. Ms. Houser described a session she attended for boards to help them keep their mission aligned with their work. Ms. Gary reported on a session she attended about the current status of the Detroit Public Schools. Ms. Burnstein described a session she attended about developing a culture of attending college for high school students. All participants appreciated the opportunity to attend these and other high-quality sessions presented by CMU as well as the chance to meet others who are associated with the Center for Charters.

D. MiGoogle Conference

Ms. Burnstein attended the MiGoogle Conference in Brighton on November 4. She reported that the event was very well attended and offered dozens of sessions that focused on practical as well as innovative uses of technology. She attended sessions on Universal Design for Learning, technology for physical education, project-based learning, and launching Chromebooks for students. She was also able to speak with vendors about laptop and chromebook models.

E. Visit to Chicago Noble Charter School Network

Ms. Gary reported on her and Ms. Burnstein's recent trip to Chicago and their experience touring and observing Rauner College Preparatory Academy, one of the Noble High School network's campuses in the city. They visited the school and classroom of Ms. Burnstein's former student teacher on November 18. Ms. Gary described the school's emphasis on self-discipline, character, and academics. The school consistently reinforced the importance of preparing for and attending college. Both she and Ms. Burnstein were very impressed with the high expectations of the school and extent of student engagement and achievement.

8. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wright reported a balance of \$2972.00, all of which is grant money.

Mr. Wright moved to approve that the October invoice provided by Mr. Goldman for services identified in the Implementation Grant be paid. Ms. Phillippi seconded. Discussion: None.

The payment of the bill to Mr. Goldman was unanimously approved.

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business

Board policies first review with Joe Urban will be re-scheduled for the January 2015 meeting.

11. Announcements

A. Ms. Burnstein will be attending the CMU Board Ethics and Governance meeting on November 20 in Novi.

B. Ms. Lamar and Ms. Burnstein will be attending the CMU First Things First presentation on December 2 in Novi.

C. Ms. Burnstein will be attending the CMU Assessment session on December 3 in Southfield.

12. Extended Public Comment: None

13. Adjournment

Ms. Phillippi moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Wright seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

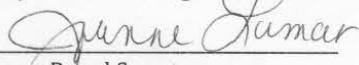
Minutes Certification:

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Burnstein, Recording Secretary  
November 19, 2014

Approved by New School High Board of Directors



Joanne Lamar, Board Secretary

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December 10, 2014