

School Board Meeting
Regular
Tuesday, June 5, 2007
7:15 pm – Library

Present: David Henry (DH, Director), Marjon Tuinsma (MT), Rob van Doeselaar (RD), Olivier Verstraeten (VT), Kellie Lartigue (KL), Christy Bennett (CB), Betsy Wagenhauser (BW)

Absent: Lisa Nichols (LN), Stephanie Syptak (SS, Ambassador's Rep)

Others present: Jeff Mortelette (JM, Teachers Rep)

I. Opening

- a. Call to order 7:15
- b. Approval of minutes for May 15 meeting. All in favor – 6

II. Action Items

A. Finance Committee

1. CFA exchange rate
Must be set for tuition – RD
DH to keep at 500 because that is where the budget has been set
Current rate is 485 VH
To pay salaries they use a monthly CFA exchange rate. Just for tuition
AISB leaves it at annual rate. DH thinks this is best.
VH recommends 485 to keep a
(DH) Bank of Africa is giving a preferred rate
Recommendation to accept 500 as fixed rate. All in favor – 6
2. New signature cards and resolutions – RD and VT filled these out.

B. Policy Committee

Proposed meeting date of September 6, 7:00 pm (KL)
Kelly, Stephanie, David, Rob, Jeff on the committee

C. Facilities Committee

Proposed meeting date September 13, 7:00pm (BW)
Betsy, Christy, David, Stephanie, Lisa

D. Finance Committee

Proposed meeting date August 22, 4:00pm
David, Olivier, Betsy, Rob

E. Board Meetings Schedule and ideas to encourage participation

Have a class participate – performance (BW)
Make the town hall more of a celebration
Pizza nite??

III. Informational Items

- A. Teachers report
 - Ms. Haynes took 8th graders to USAID – May 29 (JM)
 - Graduation at 7:00pm June 6, 2007

- B. Directors Report
 - 1. (DH) Yearbooks will not make it in time.
 - 2. (DH) Last day of school – Thursday, June 7.
Enrollment update (See directors report)
 - 3. Middle States standards for accreditation (See handout)
Accreditation through 9th grade is due every ten years.
Beginning process of re-accreditation K-12 will be led by new principal
Process will start at town hall meeting

 - 4. Sadiola update
(DH) housing problem been negotiated by Carrie N. (Sadiola teacher)
Old vehicle will be replaced by refurbished van.
Part-time Pre-K teacher been proposed because of increased number of
younger students
Next Fall need to negotiate a new budget – usually negotiated in August.

- C. Board Training/Steven P. Evaluation.
 - (RD) led us to learn how to govern school
 - (RD) needed to be more structured
 - (KL) no open discussion of expectations
 - (RD) setting goals on 2nd day was helpful
 - (OV) survey was helpful
 - discussion with reference to large school was not helpful
 - 2nd day felt like a board meeting
 - no conclusion
 - (CB) 2nd day gave good definition to what we will be doing this year
 - (DH) models from Carver were a model for governing
 - (MT) discussion of new campus was disappointing

- D. Organizational Goals
 - (See handout)
 - Study it this summer – (CB) send it electronically
 - (BW) send out two weeks before 1st board meeting and discuss at 1st meeting
 - (DH) accreditation dates need to be modified

- E. Parent Survey
 - (RD) Response was positive
(See survey results- handout)
Comments on after school activities
 - (DH) After school activities offered to secondary students, but they did not
Participate.
BW will type a summary for the newsletter.