

Alliance Charter Elementary

Board Meeting

September 12, 2017

Present: Becky O, Erika O*, Christina J*, Kylie S*, Lisa P*, Julie L*, Julie G*, Erica C*, Diane L*, Mindy G, Shari H, Dave M, Jennifer B-T, Jill M*, Sarah R*, Elaine L

*Indicates voting member

Meeting Called To Order: 6:55

Introductions

Welcome/Overview (Julie):

- The purpose of the council is to see to the best interests of the school.
- Review of board member roles:
 - Chair: leads board meetings
 - Chair Elect: assists chair and is on deck for being Chair next year
 - Secretary: records meeting minutes and keeps track of paperwork
 - Treasurer: funds, checks, taxes, bookkeeping
 - Education coordinator: outreach, education, and volunteer coordination.
 - Principal: liaison between ACEC and school/district
 - Parent Reps: represent needs of Alliance families (tasks: introduce yourself to staff, get email list together, board meeting recaps, sign up genius for mat/rug cleaning, teacher appreciation, community building opportunities)
 - Teachers: represent needs of the staff, especially in voting
- Parent Reps – will be nominated and voted in during our October meeting

Principal's Report:

- Thank you to all parents who helped on the first day of school gathering and open house events
- Hydration station – excitement about trajectory
- Thank you for the earmarked money for field trips

Teacher's Report:

- Grades 1-3 Field Trips
 - Trout Museum in September
 - Library in October
 - 1000 islands in early November
- Grades 4-5 Field Trips
 - Menominee culture and logging museum in Shawano. October 19.
- Thursday September 21 international day of peace tree installation (bottle cap project).
- We are discontinuing STAR testing and replacing with iReady

- iReady starts next Monday. We are 1 of 4 pilot locations in the district. iReady aligns with the forward exam. All 1-5 students will do this math and reading test. Staff learning day will be spent learning the test in preparation.
- Kindergarten class will still do the PALS testing
- ACEC board would like to know they may see school results (aggregate) for these tests.

Treasurer's Report

- Music fees have not all come in. Question as to who keeps track of who has and has not paid these fees. They may be turned in in the office to either Marsha or the wire basket on the counter.

Fundraising Report:

- Walkathon coming up – this fundraiser is pure profit, so please participate.
- Glow Run – please sign up by September 20 to get the T-shirt guaranteed. 133 paid registrants last year – goal set to have 150 registrants this year. An incentive for this goal (extra recess?). Teachers and their families are free for this event. Lisa will be looking into speakers/music.
- Butterbraids – Tentative date for forms to be turned in on 11/9, with delivery tentatively on 11/17

Volunteer Education Meeting Update:

- Better signage recommended via parent feedback to help direct people where to go.
- Background checks – does ACEC keep track or does the office? Office will keep track and notify teachers of clearance. District policy is that a volunteer cannot be alone with children (out of sight of teacher) without a background check.

Charter Renewal:

- Renewal Due before the 11/20 school board meeting.
- A small group has already gone through the charter to start edits.
- Purpose of edits was to bring clarity or make substantive changes.
- The four major changes include:
 - Administration (Section 2 c.): addition of mission statement, which was lifted from the bylaws and added to the charter.
 - Changed the voting members section to clarify and organize
 - Expanded the charter to include 4k as a possibility in the future.
 - Hiring practices language changed to clarify collaborative teaching style.
 - Lawyer has reviewed these changes to ensure compliance with all laws/statutes/regulations
 - Julie G made a motion to approve recommended changes in the charter. Kylie seconded the motion. Unanimous approval in vote (Diane, Jill, Sarah, Erika O, Kylie, Lisa, Erica C, Julie G, Julie L)
- Page 10, Item F., regarding a monthly revenue/expenditure activity statement. Originally, the district was concerned that our charter may unfairly take resources from the district.

The statements were to ensure that we are not receiving unfair allocation of resources, nor being underfunded by the district. Wording has been changed to bring clarity to this charter item. This technical change has not yet been reviewed by a lawyer.

- Julie G made a motion to approve this technical change, pending lawyer approval. Erika O second. Motion passes unanimously (Diane, Jill, Sarah, Erika O, Kylie, Lisa, Erica C, Julie G, Julie L)
- Item 20 (last page), savings clause. “Master Agreement” language has been changed to “employee policy manual or the board of education policy” to more accurately reflect current district policies and materials.

Erica C motioned to adjourn, Julie L second. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

