

## ACEC BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2015

Present: Jill Aykens\*, Jennifer Baek-Thomas, Virginia Bruder, Melissa Chrisman\*, Gina Connor\*, Kelly Ellington\*, Lori Hein\*, Christina Jungwirth\*, Kim Krause\*, Stephanie Markman\*, Joanna Morey, Erika Otto, Lisa Posegate, Therese Probst, Kylie Sieck, Shanda Stachurski, Holly Tamulion, Nichole Verhagen\*, Kristen Wendell\*

### I. Welcome and Introductions

- II. History of ACEC Board: Joanna Morey. ACEC (Alliance Charter Education Corporation) is a 501c3 organization, and the ACEC Board helps in its management via budgeting and fundraising, strategic planning, and volunteering. The Board is composed of 12 members: the Principal, 3 teachers, and 7 other members from the Alliance community – usually parents. Only board members may make a motion, second a motion, or vote at meetings. However, other parents have a voice through the parent representatives, board members, and meeting attendance.

### III. Reports

#### A. Principal's Report

1. New reading calendars track minutes for reading and will be collected at the end of each month. The office will compile the number of minutes everyone in the building has read. MobyMax box can be checked for any math...Front Row, flashcards, etc.
2. Parents should empty out Wednesday envelopes. Can return papers in the envelopes if teachers empty them out; otherwise will sit in the office for a week. Goal is to get envelope contents to Mrs. Chrisman by Tuesday morning so crew can stuff on Tuesday afternoon.
3. Homecoming for NHS will be September 28 through October 2.
4. PLD days are full days this year. The first PLD is Friday, September 25; on Monday, Sept 21 we will follow a Friday schedule. Equalization days like this ensure students who are scheduled for special classes on Fridays do not miss more than their share.
5. Each kindergartener got his/her picture taken with Dr. Pfeiffer and Mrs. Chrisman.
6. Before school, use roundabout for quick drop-off with students exiting the right side of car; use front of building if parking and helping children out.

#### B. Teachers' Report

1. Roosevelt and Alliance will take turns picking up meals once a month for staff. Roosevelt will start with September.
2. International Day of Peace September 21: students will create a peace quilt with tongue depressors.
3. Rally Round Reading: Alliance has been invited to join this program, but cannot implement this year. Could discuss possibly budgeting the \$250 for it next year.

#### C. Educational Coordinator's Report (Kelly Ellington)

1. Montessori Volunteer Orientation will be September 30 in Mrs. Connor's room for parents who have not previously attended. Veteran volunteers still need to fill out a volunteer contract every year and a background check every two years.
2. Student handbook is online and is current. Hard copies available upon request.

#### D. Treasurer's Report (Nichole Verhagen)

1. Last year ended \$650 in the black.
2. This year's budget was presented with summer additions. Target thank-a-teacher promotion last spring earned \$325. Encouraged everyone to use Smile.amazon.com, scrip, UCC.
3. We have been granted a partial reimbursement for our tax bill from last year.

#### IV. Agenda

- A. Ice Cream Social Results (Kim Krause) We sold 170 bars and made \$75 for field day. Extras will be enough for a treat after the Box Top extra recess.
- B. Nominations of Parent Representatives
  - 1. Jill Aykens motioned to elect Erika Otto as kindergarten rep; seconded by Gina Connor; motion passed.
  - 2. Stephanie Markman motioned for Kristen Wendell to be elected 1-2-3 rep; seconded by Christina Jungwirth; motion passed.
  - 3. Christina Jungwirth made a motion for Kim Krause to be elected 4-5 rep; seconded by Nichole Verhagen; motion passed.
  - 4. Parent reps will be responsible for emailing parents with meeting overviews, communicating parent input to Jill or Mrs. Chrisman to put on the agenda (provided it is board concerns not school concerns), and chairing one of our fundraisers or committees.
- C. Directory is set up as a google doc; Lori Hein will compile.
- D. Importance of volunteers; there is a Signup Genius on the Alliance website.
- E. Everyone Plays Grant\* involves asphaltting up to the play equipment and a playground that accommodates disabilities. Cost is \$130,000; a 501c3 would be needed to cash a \$100,000 grant check, if awarded. Accountant stated there would be no tax implications. Jill Aykens motioned to allow the Everybody Plays project to use our 501c3 status to use our account to cash the check if we receive the grant. Stephanie Markman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- F. Half-day Fun Friday activities: September 18 will be a picnic at High Cliff. Therese Probst will put together a list for the rest of the year and make a Signup Genius when an rsvp is needed.
- G. Skate Nights: Lori Murphy will again coordinate, starting in October.
- H. Glow Run – October 16 evening. There is an online signup on raceit.com (Light Up for Learning 5K) or can mail registration to Kristen. Kelly Ellington will help with poster distribution. There will be food, and race packet with t-shirt. One mile around Doty Park; 5K continues around Smith Park. City permits are obtained; Signup Genius for volunteers.

#### V. Parent Forum/Open Discussion

- A. If you want to bring something up, please send to Mrs. Chrisman or Jill Aykens to get on the agenda.
- B. Therese Probst: Goodwill Grows is a free farm to school program. AmeriCorps student, one program a month every month during school year.
- C. Kim Krause: 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their families can enter national parks for free from Sept. 1 to Sept. 1.
- D. Next Meeting: October 13, 2015 at 6:30 in the Multipurpose Room

VI. Motion to adjourn by Jill Aykens; seconded by Christina Jungwirth. Motion passed; meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.