

**Honey Creek Community School  
Board Minutes of March 19, 2008**

**Call To Order:** 6:24 by President John Stahly

**Recording Secretary:** Karen Giltrow

**Board Members Present:** Carol Borgeson, Will Hathaway (arrived at 6:26pm), Orlando Simon, John Stahly, and Doug Stewart (left at 7:50pm).

**Staff and Community Members Present:** Shellee Almquist, Stephanie Boling, Sue Hofbauer Huczek, Karen Giltrow, Al Waters, Elaine Economou and Deb Lentz

**Minutes:** Carol Borgeson moved, Doug Stewart supported the approval of the February 20, 2008 minutes as amended. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

**Board Spotlight:** Deb Lentz and Elaine Economou made a presentation on the Farms to School program at Honey Creek. The program is a result of the PTO and the Dexter Lunch Services program working together to make lunch choices healthier. Tantre Organic Farm has provided samples of healthy choices during the lunch hour on three occasions. The Honey Creek PTO's goal is to offer a Phoenix Fit lunch once a month through the Dexter Food Services.

**Public Participation:** None

**Financial Report:**

Gifts to Honey Creek: Shellee Almquist noted Barr Engineering donated a plotter and paper to the school and Tim Donahue donated classroom supplies for Honey Creek teachers and students.

February 2008 Report: Written report in board packet. Shellee Almquist noted the rent is \$23,000 more than expected in the budget. Reasons for the increase are due to: we are now being charged rent for the old media center (our new math room) that was previously shared space, the addition of office spaces in the hallway and the modular use by Honey Creek only this year. Brian Marcel will take a look at the rent cost increases. Al Waters requested a quote on the rent before the end of the year to see if we can budget for additional classrooms and an art/music room. Will Hathaway moved, supported by Orlando Simon to approve the February 2008 report. **Motion was passed by all board members present.** Carol Borgeson moved, Will Hathaway supported to approve the payment of the bills. **Motion was passed by all board members present.**

Financial Committee Report: Carol Borgeson reported the committee did not meet last month.

**Standing Reports:**

Faculty Liaison: Stephanie Boling noted there was no faculty liaison feedback.

School-Age Programs: Written report in board packet. Sue Hofbauer Huczek updated the board on the work being done by staff members Amy Johnston and Alexa Stevenson

for Summer Camp preparation.

Academic Service-Learning: Written report in board packet. Sue Hofbauer Huczek reported Honey Creek, High Point and Gretchen's House met today to prepare for the upcoming Earth Day/LEAGUE activities. The community will celebrate Earth Day at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> assembly. Members of the Equity/Culture/Climate team will tour University Preparatory Academy in Detroit on March 31<sup>st</sup> along with members from the WISD Leadership Academy to observe their school and policies.

PTO Report: Written report in board packet.

**Director's Report:** Written report in board packet. Al Waters noted the paperwork for NCA recertification has been completed and filed. The following individuals have volunteered to serve on the Strategic Planning Team: John Stahly, Carol Borgeson, Pam Reister, Barbara Naess, and Cindy Wauer. One more parent is needed to complete the team. A list of areas to be considered when surveying the community were identified and the data from the survey will assist the direction of the strategic plan. A discussion on MEAP scores, School Improvement Teams, and the online newsletter Honey Bunches of Notes followed.

**Old Business:**

Policy Update: Orlando Simon reported the policy work went through a final review with Bill Sharfee and is very close to completion. A discussion on a MASB web-based service providing online access to the new policy followed.

Strategic Planning: Discussed during Director's report.

**New Business:**

Board Calendar: President John Stahly distributed a draft of the Honey Creek Community School Board Calendar and a discussion followed.

**Other Items of Business:** Orlando Simon noted Sandra Stewart and Lisa Wozniak have been working on revising the Honey Creek Community School brochure and it is almost complete.

**Board Kudos To:**

- Jon Baek and the C-9 classroom for hosting the February assembly.
- Ashley Norris for all of her amazing work in her many roles at Honey Creek.
- Deb Lentz and Elaine Economou for presenting the Farm to School Program at the March 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- Lisa Wozniak and Elizabeth Goodenough for showing the film "Where Will the Children Play".
- Parent Ambassadors; Carol Borgeson, Ed Edeline, Alex Foulis, Fifi Fortson, Will Hathaway, Jane Helzer, Hannah Hotchkiss, Heather Khanna, Sharon Paskus, Libby Sheldon and Nadine Wang for showing families interested in Honey Creek our classrooms and school.
- Tim Donahue for donating classroom and teacher supplies.
- Barr Engineering for donating a plotter and paper to Honey Creek.

**Preparation of Board Communication:** Will Hathaway will provide a summary of the board meeting for the online newsletter.

**Public Participation:** None

**Adjournment:** William Hathaway moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.