

Honey Creek Community School
Minutes of December 17, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting
Call To Order: 6:20p.m. by Board President John Stahly
Recording Secretary: Karen Giltrow

Board Members Present: Carol Borgeson, Simona Goldin, Will Hathaway, Wayne Millette (arrived at 6:47p.m.), Jeff Prenevost (arrived at 6:21p.m.), John Stahly, and Doug Stewart.

Staff and Community Members Present: Al Waters, Shellee Almquist, Sue Hofbauer, and Karen Giltrow.

Board Spotlight: None

Consent Agenda: Carol Borgeson moved to adopt the consent agenda. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Public Participation: None

Financial Committee: Jeff Prenevost reported the committee did not meet this month and the next finance committee meeting will be January 7, 2008 at 3:45p.m. The agenda will include the following topics: general fund, impact of lower student count, quickbooks, and budget revision.

Faculty Liaison: No Report

School Age Programs: Written report in board packet. Sue Hofbauer distributed a handout on 2009-2010 School Age Advisory Committee budget recommendations, which include a \$1.00 per day Summer Camp fee increase for approval at the January board meeting.

Academic Service-Learning: Written report in board packet. Sue Hofbauer noted Honey Creek collected 473.2 pounds of food for Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor, and 1,548 items of clothing, diapers, and facial tissue for the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County for the Safe House Center. A discussion led by Doug Stewart on LEAGUE support followed.

PTO: No Report

Director's Report: The 2008 Annual Report and the Director's report were distributed to the board. Al Waters noted the Phoenix Rising Committee met on December 4, 2008 and during the meeting it was confirmed the committee was established as an administrative committee, reporting to the Director with board oversight. A Phoenix Rising fundraising letter was sent out to the community from the committee with the goal of raising \$25,000.00 this year and requesting their support. The board was also updated on the following topics: Title I, Long Term 4/5 Substitute, and Strategic Planning.

Al Waters reported the Community Forums have been scheduled January 6th at 3:45p.m and on January 14th at 6:15p.m.

Old Business:

Co-Insurance Reimbursement Pool

A brief discussion on the co-insurance reimbursement pool as a benefit for faculty and staff took place. Doug Stewart moved, supported by Wayne Millette to approve the co-insurance reimbursement pool to be managed by Honey Creek and effective January 2009. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Portfolio of Measurements

Al Waters distributed a handout to the board of existing performance measures. A discussion followed that included: various ways individual student learning is currently measured and communicated (MEAP Testing, Performance Series Testing, and Continuous Progress Charts) and finding ways to collect overall school achievement data.

School Survey Feedback

Al Waters reported the school survey identified three major areas needing improvement: communication, individual instruction, and culture and climate. The survey also showed Academic Service-Learning was a very important part of the school to many in the community. A discussion of the survey results and the upcoming forum facilitation followed.

Fundraising and Phoenix Rising Committee

These items were addressed in the Director's Report.

New Business:

Review Proposed School-Age Program Rates

This item was discussed earlier in the agenda in the School-Age Program report.

Other Items of Business:

Will Hathaway gave the board a memo summarizing past Honey Creek Community School Outreach Committee efforts with recommendations for the future. This item was moved to the January Board meeting by President John Stahly. A discussion arose regarding Middle school homework completion rates, teacher assessments and a portfolio of measurements for teachers.

Board Kudos To:

- All the faculty and volunteers who helped to mount the successful curriculum event on December 12.
- Joe's class for their creative simulation of Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge.
- Everyone who contributed to the food and clothing drives in November and December.

- All the students, staff, and family members who supported the LEAGUE Thanksgiving Drive. Special thanks to the Honey Creek Girl Scouts and the students in Elizabeth Scott's M3 classroom for leading the food and diaper drives.
- All of the Honey Creek staff, students, and families who make a difference every day.
- Special thanks and congratulations to the students who earned the President's Volunteer Service Award during 2007-2008:

Gold (100+ hours)

Thomas Cansfield Maya Gurfinkel Abigail Knox

Silver (75+ hours)

Ariana Andres	Xavier Mahler	Jillian Beemon
Dylan McCabe	Grace Broadhurst	Kate Mink
Cade DeRaud	Lauritz Naess	Lydia Evans
Marco Naess	Keelin Greene	Chloe Park
Mercedes Hagerty	Chris Schenk	Rosemary Hathaway
Morgan Schuster	Benjamin Jenkins	Zach Simon
Ella Johnson	Hannah Smith	Kaya Kurdak
William Stahly	Athena Le	Ella Steiger

Bronze (50+ hours)

Maggie Anderson Robert Askins Emmanuelle Asika

Sam Beck	Benjamin Birdsall	Raven Bell
William Brighton	Danielle Bryant	Sara Chopko
Jenny Crayne	Riley Cyrulnik	Mason Daleiden
Avi Gurfinkel	Mark Hadlock	John Harrison
Saima Harrison	Ellery Hatopp	Isaak Hatopp
Mitchell Henschell	Clarisse Jorah	Gabe Kardia
Nayan Khanna	Talin Khanna	Bobby Knight
Luka Kuzmanovic	Kristine Meader	Emily Meza-Wilson
Zachary Nelson	Nica Nyounai	Robbie Oates
Mikey Paskus	Dario Potter	Claire Prenevost
Laria Reynolds	Lauren Ridley	Tess Rouster
Fin Seely	Benjamin Simon	Max Steiger

- Amber Byers, Alex Foulis, Elaine Economou and Helen Boyle for running a successful Phoenix Fitness session this fall.
- Maya Gurfinkel, Jillian Beemon, Carol Borgeson, and Nadine Wang for joining the Later Elementary teaching team and Al Waters in the search for the long-term 4/5 sub.

Public Participation: None

Adjournment: Carol Borgeson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32p.m.