

Academy of Science and Design
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kent Glossop at 6:15 p.m.

In attendance were Kent Glossop, Chris Franklin, Shanthi Nair, Jennifer Starr, Michael Fishbein, Izuh Obinelo and Anne Putnam.

There was unanimous agreement of previous meeting's minutes after Jennifer pointed out minor changes about the title of Jane O'Hearn.

As part of the discussion of the federal grant, there was some explanation as to why the Curriculum Coordinator was an important part of the grant. Izuh wanted to know why there was no mention of a director and the reason was that the Grant would not support a director but would perhaps support a curriculum coordinator. Chris thinks he knows someone who would be a good candidate.

There was some discussion that it is important to start looking for corporate sources of funding and also to identify which grants to apply for. Now that we have one grant written up the information can be used for other grants or applications as Kent has already done. Lorinda is also doing the same. Michael pointed out that it was important to come up with compelling points about what distinguishes this school from similar schools.

Construction Update: Chris talked about the lab and construction was already underway.

Administration Report—Chris Franklin explained the budget and pointed the changes made in it. The deficit of about 100,000 has to be dealt with. The need to spread the word more aggressively came up and the need to possibly do more presentations with places like Merrimack Chamber of Commerce. Jennifer suggested that parents should group together to request their school send the state allotted funding for their children to the Charter School. Chris has talked to Fred Kocher of NH High Tech Council and hopes to make a presentation to request donations from its members.

There was unanimous approval when Michael motioned the board to approve the purchase of text books. The teachers' salaries were also approved unanimously.

Chris brought up the \$5000 membership to NH Charter School because they are trying to focus on raising funds for all the New Hampshire Charter Schools. They would hire somebody to focus on the fund raising for all charter schools. Michael moved for decision to be made at the next meeting since many members were not able to make it for this meeting.

Chris also requested that the board approve that he be allowed to dispose off one of the vans since ASD might not need it. The vote was unanimous.

Math Teacher resumes are still coming in even Chris has made an offer to one candidate. The problem with part time teachers is that they all want to work mornings. Kent brought up the

issue of making a request to the ASDEF group to arrange for volunteers like this past year. The academic strength for the next year would be about 55-60.

Kent quickly looked around for updates from the Fundraising and Outreach Committee but Patty was not here for the fundraising committee updates. There is a requirement for a good strategy fund raising plan. So Michael suggested that a special board meeting be called to discuss fundraising. Kent needs to arrange a date.

Izuh pointed out that Lorinda was doing more work trying to contact the community.

Submitted by Shanthi Nair