

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND DESIGN

Minutes of the Board Meeting

September 10, 2008

Kent Glossop, chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

In attendance were Chris Franklin, Director, Jennifer Star, Karen Graham, Michael Fishbein, Patty Humphrey, Shanthi Nair, Gina Rubery (Assistant Director.) Guests: Christine Fulfurd (math teacher), Jill Kane (candidate for curriculum developer), Judith Landry (parent.)

Absent were Lucille Jordan and Izuh Obinelo.

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

The date for the fundraising Board meeting is Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Director's Report—Chris Franklin

The school has 62 students, up from last year's 32.

There are lots of enthusiastic parent volunteers.

The new configuration of classrooms is quieter and works better.

Volunteer parents are teaching several new courses: computer programming, space science, digital logic, introduction to the health professions, and chorus.

A music teacher teaches music and music theory 4 hours per week.

The school is using Go Course, an online course system that posts tests, assignments, and grades.

Students are taking courses at Daniel Webster College, Nashua Community College, Exeter Virtual Learning Academy and the White Mountain Community College.

The Budget for 2008-9 was presented and discussed.

There is a projected deficit of \$80,000.

Michael Fishbein proposed a back up budget, which cuts as much as possible as a worse case scenario if we don't raise the needed amount. Chris agreed to do this

The parents have a fund for tax-deductible donations to the ASD Educational Foundation. The school presents a wish list to them.

There was a discussion about whether the ASD should spend the \$5000 to join the New Hampshire Chartered Public School Association.

Mr. Fishbein made a motion that we approve the budget of 9/10/08 (which includes the \$5000) and then decide at the next meeting on September 24 if we want to join.

This was approved unanimously.

New Board Members: Chris suggested amending the Charter to allow for 15 Board members instead of 11. This will require going to the State Board of Education.

Meanwhile, in order to fill present empty Board slots, Kent will ask the ASDEF to hold an election to choose 2 candidates among the parents to fill certain slots.

A motion was made to authorize Chris and Kent to write an amendment to the Charter that would expand the Board to up to 15 members. It would state that an attempt would be made to distribute the new members proportionally among the different stated fields in the original charter provision to the extent possible. This passed unanimously.

Chris will invite Bill Wilmot, Fred Kocher and Ted Karwoski to the special fundraising meeting on September 24.

Kent will chair the Strategic Planning Committee, which will address facility planning, and strategic staffing (a new Director.) Members of that committee will be Chris, Jennifer, and Karen.

There will be a Director of Curriculum if we get the federal grant that was applied for this summer.

Board members should consider a Curriculum Committee consisting of Board members, parents and teachers, for discussion at the next board meeting.

The Outreach Committee headed by Izuh will publicize the school.

The Fundraising Committee will set its goals on Sept. 24.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Humphrey, Secretary