

Academy for Science and Design

Minutes of the Board Meeting

2/17/10

Kent Glossop, chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Present: Kent Glossop, Patty Humphrey, Shanthi Nair, Jack Donovan, Becky Paquette, Mary Fries, Thomas Frischnecht, Meili Kronenfeld, Michael White, David Chauvette. Non-board attendees: Matt Southerton, Ellen Mohnkern, Heather MacDonald, Barry Haines, Kyle Haines, Doug Wilcox, Joel and Danielle Preminger

Absent: Sue Correia, Izuh Obinelo, Jennifer Minicucci, Karen Graham, John Slater

The previous minutes were approved.

Principal's Report—David Chauvette

- Chili Cook-off with legislators showed that they do not know that Charter Schools are public schools.
- Dr. Virginia Barry, Commissioner of Education, is visiting ASD on March 4.
- A new telephone system, installed by Jim Overman, has voice mail for every teacher.
- Budget needs for the following year include:
 1. Cubicle walls
 2. 5-6 new classroom spaces
 3. 3 Administrative positions: 2 secretarial, 1 accountant
 4. 3 teaching positions: 1 science/math, 1 English/social studies, 1 computer science/technology

Sixth Grade update and discussion

- Charter change request has been submitted to the State Board.
- New open house for sixth graders needed.
- 2 new teachers for 48 sixth graders (English/social studies and math/science) needed.
- 2 lunch periods.
- 225 students in all, including 48 6th graders.
- Increased travel time between classes needed.
- Excess income from 6th grade will fund focus area programs for high school students
- 6th grade year will prepare students for the rigors of 7th grade.

Budget for 2009-2010—Ellen Mohnkern

Ellen presented a beautifully detailed spreadsheet indicating that the projected deficit for the 09-10 school year will be \$75,983. ASD is receiving an extra \$20,000 from the state because of excellent student retention.

Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee—Patty Humphrey

- Thomas Frischnecht has raised \$2000 in matching funds from Fidelity. He will pursue other areas of fundraising with that company.
- Thomas has arranged the possibility of a no-fee contract with an on-line warehouse store to sell logo items to ASD supporters. He will pursue this project with Sarah Crary and David Chauvette.
- Shanthi Nair and Michael White have raised cash and pledges of \$30,000 from 47 ASD families. Shanthi will make one more round of calls to try to reach the 100% family participation goal.
- Representatives from BAE visited ASD. They have offered 100 reconstituted computers to the school at a value of about \$50,000. There are possibilities of visits and internships at BAE in the works. Angela Overman is our contact person with BAE.
- Michael White is pursuing contacts with Liberty Mutual Insurance for possible support and relationship.
- Ektron is also on Michael's list of possible contacts.
- The New Hampshire High Tech Council will host ASD students at a High Tech forum in May for a Sky Dive, a 5-minute introduction to a student presented introduction to ASD.
- ASD will have a table at the NHHTC Entrepreneur of the Year awards dinner to display information about the school.
- Drew Sunstein, NHHTC board member and CEO of Sunrise Labs in Auburn, will visit ASD on March 11.

Strategic Planning—Jack Donovan

They will be working on the budget for next year.

Curriculum Committee—Mary Fries

- Many policies have been reviewed.
- Summer school options are being considered--more enrichment than remediation
- Two separate groups are working on digital portfolios and senior projects.
- Mastery and competency based grading policies are being considered.

Policy Committee—Meili Kronenfeld

10 policies have been submitted for review.

Proposal of a Personnel Policy Committee—Kent Glossop

The committee is needed to make uniform policies for ASD employees, including, contracts, sick leave, assessments, etc.

The committee should probably include people from educational, business and law backgrounds.

Thomas F. seemed interested in serving.

Kent will bring a specific proposal to the next meeting.

Policies Review—Kent Glossop

Kent will resubmit policies reviewed by the Curriculum and Policy Committees to Board members over the next month.

Board members should review and respond with suggestions, comments and corrections to the appropriate committee on line.

The policies will be voted on in blocks by Board members at each Board meeting, assuming that they have been thoroughly studied by Board members prior to each meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Humphrey, secretary