

# The Academy for Science and Design

## Minutes of the Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Present: Thomas Frischknecht, Sue Correia, Patty Humphrey, Rebecca Paquette, Kent Glossop, Kimberly Lavalley, Joakim Karlsson, Michael White, Jim Hochberg, Jack Donovan, Idina Holden, James Overman, Paul Calabria, David Chauvette, Heather MacDonald, Linda Marquis, Kevin Campbell, Jill Cane, Izuh Obinelo.

Absent: Karen Graham

### **Public Comment**

Jill Cane asked to be on the Board. Thomas will have a talk with her soon. Several Board members spoke positively of her potential membership.

The minutes were approved with one correction: Kim Lavalley's term on the Board will terminate at the end of June, 2012.

The renewal of the insurance policy, a legal document, was ratified by the Board.

### **Annual Organizational Meeting**

- Joakim Karlsson and Sue Correia will not be renewing Board membership.
- Izuh Obinelo will transition to parent Board member.
- We need chairmen for the Curriculum and Personnel Committees.
- We need a secretary to the Board.
- David Chauvette will chair the Annual Organizational Meeting until a chairman is elected. The chairman will then take over the meeting.

Michael White indicated that we should thank Ellen Mohnkern for her volunteer service to the school. He introduced Paul Calabria, the new bookkeeper.

### **Director's Report**—David Chauvette

- The ASD 2011-12 school calendar, which follows the Merrimack calendar, was approved by the Board.
- David expects the legislature to uphold the \$5450 state tuition payment for each student.
- We will have 300 students.
- We need a school safety committee to comply with regulations. The procedures are in place.
- The registration process is within 10-15 students of being finalized.
- Only 3 students signed up for advanced chemistry, but David thinks the class should proceed.

- Paul Calabria has been working at the school for a month. He has found a bigger end of year shortfall than last year. David will have more detail about this at the next meeting.
- There have been no discipline problems since the last meeting.
- The ASD Science Quiz Bowl team came in 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation. As one of the top eight teams, they spent an extra day in Washington, D.C. and attended a Rose Garden ceremony for Teacher of the Year.
- Signs ups for foreign languages: French-15; Latin-28; German-8.
- There will be a six-week summer school. One program that will be used is “Catch Up Math.” Students have to get the subject right more than once.
- Graduation is on June 3. There is one graduate and step-up for eighth grade.
- A recent fire drill saw everyone out of the building in less than 3 minutes.
- David is actively looking at real estate. 40 Continental Boulevard is a good candidate. The owner is eager to sell, as the building has been empty for a while.
- The Nashua YMCA is giving away material for 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Flat screen TVs and game balls.
- The Exeter school district is having a \$30.00 for all you can take, desks, etc.
- The school has run out of storage space and needs suggestions.
- A new charter elementary school, Polaris, might share space and expenses with ASD in its new facility.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Strategic Planning**—Jack Donovan

Jack will present the budget at the next meeting. Certain adjustments were made at the last committee meeting: teacher bonuses were added. The salary for a new physics teacher was also added.

### **Outreach**—Patty Humphrey

Rich Ashooh from BAE put David in touch with the director of internships.

Some of the engineers at DEKA (Dean Kamen) have expressed an interest in having a relationship with the school.

Thomas said that the director of development at Autodesk might join the Board.

### **Policy Committee**—Kim Lavalley

The Board approved policy JFK (Academic Probation/Dismissal). This policy includes a detailed description of procedures in connection with the administration of probation and dismissal. The procedures are not part of the policy. They are a clarification and will be filed in a separate place.

Closed session for the Board to go over the Director's review. The Board voted to approve contracts for Director David Chauvette and Assistant Director Jennifer Cava for 2 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Humphrey, secretary