

APPROVED BOARD MINUTES

ASD Board Meeting February 13, 2013

Board Members Present: David Alukonis, Heather Bobbitt, Jane Buck, Thomas Frischknecht, Idina Holden, Brandon Jackson, Kim Lavalley, Heather MacDonald

Board Members Absent: William Bonner, Kent Glossop, Karen Graham, Patty Humphrey, Lucille Jordan and Joel Preminger

Non-voting Members Present: Jennifer Cava, Lizzie Cassady and Doug Belley

Others in Attendance: Scott Bobbitt, Michael Bouchard, Mrs. Cassady, Lisa Lewis, Dominique Dadekian, Stephanie Dumoski, Kevin Haney and Dawn Korade

The meeting was called to order at 6:53 p.m.

1. Public Comments

Lisa Lewis raised a concern about allowing personal electronics in the school. Mr. Frischknecht recommended that the issue be raised to the administration initially.

2. Approval of Board Minutes from the Prior Meeting

Ms. Holden moved that both sets of minutes from January be approved. Ms. Lavalley seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Policy – 2nd Reading

Ms. Lavalley moved that policies IGD and IJOC be approved by consent vote. Ms. Bobbitt seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Items of Board Business

a. Board Chairman –

Mr. Bonner has stepped down from the Communications committee chair. Mr. Frischknecht has appointed Mr. Preminger as the new chair.

b. Board Treasurer – Ms. Lavalley has sent out the finance report for the month. No material changes.

5. FAM-BOT Robot

Ms. Bobbitt introduced Michael Bouchard, the donor of the FAM-BOT robot. Mr. Bouchard and Mr. Kevin Haney will introduce the students to the robot and will set up an enrichment course for next quarter working with the robot.

Mr. Bouchard explained how impressed he was by the Learning Studio presentation that preceded the Board meeting and its applicability in the defense industry. Mr. Bouchard offered to support the school in other ways.

6. Director's Report

a. Operations & Personnel Report –

- Ms. Cava will begin observing each teacher's classes. She has started projecting needs for next year and anticipates a need for an advanced computer teacher. All jobs will be posted at edjobsnh.com
- Ms. MacDonald has continued researching retirement plan options for teachers, working with a committee that includes teachers.

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- b. *Program of Studies* - Ms. Stephanie Dumoski presented the proposed major updates.
- Grades will be cumulative by semester.
 - Learning Studios will be required for all juniors and seniors and will form the basis for completing the senior research project.
 - The physics curriculum is changing to better align with the math prerequisites. This includes adding Experimental Physics for the 1st semester of 7th grade (with no math), changing Conceptual Physics to a one year high school level class based on algebra and taken in the 8th grade, and changing Physics to have Honors Precalculus as a prerequisite.
 - Course Changes: Next year will include an aviation program with Introduction to Aviation, Survey of Aviation and Physics of Flight. Physics of Flight will have the same math prerequisite as Physics. The school will also add Statistics and Spanish 4. Fundamentals of Calculus will be removed from the Program of Studies.
 - A maximum course load is strongly recommended: No more than 6 classes on campus with no more than 2 courses online (i.e. VLACS).

Ms. Buck moved that the Program of Studies be moved forward to the next meeting. Ms. Lavallee seconded. All voted in favor.

Ms. MacDonald noted that the documentation of the changes was pulled together very well and this has been one of the best reviews.

- c. *Admissions Update* – Interviews are occurring now for students who received a low score on the admissions placement test. Most parents are electing to continue with the admission process but now understand how much work is going to be required and that students will need to take additional online instruction before starting at the school. The test is different this year – instead of a multiple choice test and is being hand-graded by a math teacher. The lottery is scheduled for February 21.
- d. *VIP Visits* – Mr. Sam Tamposi, Jr. (our landlord) and Mr. Jeff Knight (his CFO) visited the school and were pleased to see the progress. Kevin Skarupa, the weatherman, will be coming to visit the 6th graders in March.
- e. *Annual Fund* – The “I ♥ ASD” campaign is now underway. Ms. Cava is personally calling all families who have not yet donated or pledged. So far, this has resulted in over \$19,000 to the total received for the Annual Fund, bringing the total up to about \$95,700.
- f. *NECAP* – Our students scored dramatically higher than other students in the state.

The Board moved to table the agenda topics for Faculty & Student Affairs Report and Committee Reports.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 13 at 6:30 pm.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Idina Holden
Secretary