

PVPA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, December 9, 2014
School Library
15 Mulligan Drive, South Hadley, Massachusetts

PVPA Mission Statement – Rachel Read MS – Attendance – SG, RB, MC, RD, GSumi, GSmith, WD, BJ, JP, KH, JB, Sean Moore, DJ

Public Comment (10 minutes allowed)

Approval of Minutes from 11.18.14 meeting – Jim Barnhill; Geoff 2nd- Unanimous

President’s Business—Kim Hicks

- Updated Board Handbook materials – Kim will email updated documents for us to add to our flash drives;

Finance – Robert Brainin, Deborah Jacobson – Robert – Finance Committee did not meet last week due to lack of pressing business. Additional members are still being solicited; attempts have not received responses; we should place announcement in Friday Notes

Development - Mary Cantler and Sheila Mulholland – Annual Fund – 23,347 to date; we are ahead of last year at this time by approximately \$9,000. I think it is a good idea for a Board member to write a quick thank you note in addition to the note Mary sends. Rachel, Kim and Berri volunteered to write the notes. We should think about who we would like to invite to a performance or to visit the school for a tour. Not someone who necessarily gives money but just who might want to come to the school.

Alumni Story – Mary shared a brief story about Danny Plympton, 08’ as part of her talking about an alumni story; PVPA allowed him to be more open to people in general and gave him opportunities to deeply study theater and felt so prepared to succeed in theater at college and as a professional theater person; feels it’s his duty to give back; did the official national Spring Awakening Tour and graduated from the Boston Conservatory;

Governance—Geoff Sumi – Two potential new Board members; Sean Moore – shared his interest – Alumni 05’ – “Started here weeks after 9/11. My school environment was very toxic, very racist and it felt very unhealthy. I started on Octoberfest and I could tell right away that the environment here was much healthier, people seemed genuinely interested in all things. Sean went on to get

a degree in mechanical engineering; felt very prepared having taken BC Calculus with Andy H. and I learned from so many different types of people, and it helped me be successful with all people.” Motion – Rachel, 2nd Geoff, unanimous;

Governance Met Last Tuesday: Talked more about the new SP committee; GC suggested an application process, and they created a simple one; information went out last Friday on Friday Notes. Please invite others to apply if we believe we know someone will be good at it and willing to make a commitment. Will Decherd has agreed to come on as a Board member and we need one more.

We also talked about ethics and our role as Trustees with the Ethics Laws. Recommending that every Board member take the test given our responsibility.

Head of School - Scott Goldman

- Head of School report – see report

Space

- Building Expansion Project Update – Scott updated the Board on the Capital Campaign and the tiered gift

Students— Michaela Moreau, Emma Fraizer, Kate Nelson, Will Maldonado

Staff - Jeanne Powers, Will Decherd – Will shared that teachers are seeing a pattern of an increase of students who require additional supports via IEPs and 504s and in the future, we need to think about how we will meet the needs of these students by ensuring that we have the financial resources to provide appropriate services; What’s our capacity;

Scott shared that we have the capacity to meet our needs but those needs are growing and we will have to be mindful of our how we allocate resources to ensure we continue to meet

Open Session - for topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting – Kim shared that there is a performance at HCC by students from the PFCPS. All are invited

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Executive Session (appears whether or not used)

Adjourn – 6:47pm – Motion – Geoff, Gary - 2nd