

DRAFT MINUTES, PENDING APPROVAL AT SEPTEMBER 2015 MEETING

PVPA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 9, 2015

Meeting Agenda

School Library

15 Mulligan Drive, South Hadley, Massachusetts

Present: Kim Hicks, Deborah Jacobson, Jim Barnhill, Mary Cantler, Rachel Dionne, Jeanne Powers, Will Decherd, Scott Goldman, Geoff Sumi, Asha Strazzero-Wild, Berri Jacque, Donovan Arthan, Sean Moore
Guest: Melinda Winter

PVPA Mission Statement (Kim Hicks)

Public Comment (10 minutes allowed)

Approval of Minutes from meeting

- Approved unanimously

President's Business—Kim Hicks, Scott Goldman

- Charter Renewal Application Endorsement Vote
 - Requires vote of the Board
 - Unanimous approval for Charter Amendment (Motion to amend the charter)
 - Only new information as part of renewal application is the revised current student demographic information from this past fall (enrollment changes over the course of the year), and draft minutes and membership of the Strategic Action Plan (application asks how the school has positioned itself for the next 5 years- will be submitting matrix and explain that by this time next year we will have a new plan; meetings have started)
 - Unanimous approval for Charter Vote (Motion for Kim Hicks as president of the PVPA Board to approve signing the application)
- Charter Amendment Vote (expand maximum enrollment from 400 to 412)
 - Requires vote of the Board
 - Unanimous approval
- Head of School evaluation
 - Motion to accept the evaluation
 - 2 abstain (2 teachers), the rest unanimously approve
- Donating to PVPA
 - Goal: 100% to participate
- Farewell to departing members
 - Asha Strazzero-Wild and Jeanne Powers will be departing

Finance –Deborah Jacobson

- Projecting surplus through the end of the year; exact amount will be reported end of month/end of fiscal year. Well positioned going forward.
- Reimbursement rate higher than expected which means we'll have a higher base going into next year.
- Scott: School health insurance plan- in the process of potentially switching over. Goal to provide equivalent services for a better price. Before making a decision faculty/staff will be asked to weigh in through a vote on the plan to choose. Will hear back in the next few days (switch before July 1). Potential impact: \$10-20,000.

Development - Mary Cantler

- Fiscal year ends June 30th-Raised \$48,116.49—just under \$2K—feel it's doable to reach this goal by end of year. When we reach that goal there will be an email to every Board member.
- Ground breaking ceremony on Friday- some very good PR (Mass Live, Channel 40, WGGB, Gazette, and The Republican). New person at The Republican—turns out she is a PVPA Alum Parent (2002) and very enthusiastic to cover with Mass Live and The Republican.
- 2017 – students already planning for a big 10 year reunion.
- \$10,000 from Jody and John Arnhold Foundation (third gift). Great relationship with donors like them.
- Will work with the financial development agency – support the Capital Campaign process and do some planning for this CC (they are experts and will help us ensure this is successful).
- Scott: Huge thanks for Jim Barnhill for his \$5,000 donation at the Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Governance—Geoff Sumi

- Election
 - Motion for Berri to be elected for a 2 year term as a Community Rep
 - Motion for Deb to be elected for another term as treasurer and Community Rep
 - Motion for Geoff to be elected for a 2 year term as a Community Rep
 - Motion for Gary to stay on for another 2 years as a Community Rep (finish term now that son has graduated)
 - Unanimous approval
 - Geoff spoke with Sheila and she thought her term was over; she said she needed to submit a resignation; based on that conversation, vote to accept her verbal resignation to Geoff
 - Unanimous approval
 - We currently have 12 voting members – quorum will be 7 moving forward. With four students it will be a total of 16.
 - Please send interested friends to Geoff
 - Gary Huggett and Will Dechard will assume the two-year teacher term.
- Board Leadership
 - Nomination for president, Nomination for clerk – to be discussed when we reconvene in the fall

Head of School - Scott Goldman

- Head of School report
 - Owners of abutting property lines offered to purchase property to provide them with additional separation from the school. In the process of examining tax implications to get the highest prices for the transaction and put that money towards space—good verbal offer and will see if this moves forward.
 - Huge shout out to the staff who helped make all the events over the past couple weeks go well- folks really went above and beyond (Miriel Cardona, Lisa Cappello, Lisa Clark, Robin Fordham, John Kulas, Amanda Melemed, and Thom Vreeland)

Space

- Building Expansion Project Update
 - Construction space starting mid-month- cutting concrete etc.

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

- NA

Staff - Jeanne Powers, Will Dechard

- Jeanne heading to Boston tonight to represent science teachers for the Ambassadors Academy to help roll out new standards in MA. 40 people in Academy- Jeanne representing the Western Mass part of the state. Huge honor!

Open Session - for topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting

- Rachel nominated to the Presidents Club at Florence Bank- huge congrats and great write up in the Gazette.

Public Comment (10 minutes allowed)

- NA

Executive Session (appears whether or not used)

- NA

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn at 7:04 PM