

PVPA Board Meeting Minutes March 2015
03.10.2015

Present: Robert Brainin, Deborah Jacobson, Scott Goldman, Will Decherd, Jeanne Powers, Asha Strazzero-Wild, Rachel Dionne, Geoff Sumi, Jim Barnhill, Berri Jacque, Kate Nelson, William Maldonado

Start: 6:07 pm

PVPA Mission Statement (read by Will Maldonado)

Public Comment

- NA

Approval of Minutes (Geoff Sumi)

- Correct minutes to Kim for 1.13 (Geoff)- unanimous approval.
- Correct spelling on Donovan and Asha's name to Kim for 2.10- unanimous approval.
- Correct spelling on Asha's name to Kim for 2.17- unanimous approval.

President's Business (Geoff Sumi)

- Per a request from Thom Vreeland, who is in the process of revamping the PVPA website, Geoff asked whether any Board members are on the Board feed. Thom was also hoping to be able to remove old pages and bring all pages under new system.
- Geoff agreed to delegate to Scott to work with Tom to figure out what needs to be done; will bring back details to the April meeting.

- State Ethic Commission: Kim will send the link again to ensure everyone completes
- ACTION ITEM: Scott will resend link and make sure everyone completes

Finance (Robert Brainin, Deb Jacobson)

- Presented preliminary budget; preliminary budget is not far off from being a balanced budget.
- Would like Board to approve in May.

Development (Mary Canter)

- Mary is absent so no update this week.

Governance (Geoff Sumi)

- Governance meeting was postponed due to snow last week so no update this week.

Head of School Report /Space (Scott Goldman)

- See Head of School Report from this month; it's been a great month with many highlights, including:
 - Black History month events went really well;
 - Theater festival went great; made top 3 and will be competing Saturday, March 14, at Sharon High School, in the semi-finals. The troupe received the most acting awards in the competition;
 - Spectrum Acapella had a great experience in Pittsburgh;
 - Catalyst went well and 9/18 students had at least 2 scholarship offers—some very highly competitive ones. One student got third place in choreography.
 - Mock trial team has continued its usual stunning performances in the run up to the state finals;
 - WOFA's performance opened this week at the Academy of Music;
 - Women's History Showcase going well;
 - Students going to a Peace Jams concert in CT.
- MCAS testing in March.
- Building project—off and running. First project meeting last week that focused on value engineering—looking for savings by adding on certain things later/ allow for project contingencies.

- Interviewing has begun for known open positions, as well as some anticipated openings.
 - Ultimate season kicks off on Monday. Two new coaches and one new assistant coach.
- Students (Kate Nelson, Will Maldonado)**
- Discussing redoing Junior/Senior lounge space and schedule a meeting with John about it.
- Staff (Jeanne Powers, Will Decherd)**
- Practice MCAS went well.
 - Peace Jam did a 'no phone' day—25% of the student body participated/ teachers also participated.
 - Strategic action plan subcommittee—elected a chair (Erica Foley). Going through the old strategic plan to clean up and see what's been done and get a picture of what's still left to do; will then brainstorm on what's next. Have a core group and will bring in those with institutional knowledge as needed throughout the process.
 - Will give a formal update to the Board for ideas and feedback at the last Board meeting of the year.

Open Session

Public Comment

Executive Session

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: 6:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Asha Strazzero-Wild
Clerk