

T.R. Paul Academy of Arts and Knowledge
aka Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge
September 10, 2008 5:30pm
4512 McMurry, Fort Collins, CO 80525
Board Meeting Minutes

OPENING SECTION (20 minutes)

1. Call to Order Board President

Time Started: 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call Board President

Board Members present in attendance: (X) Eastman (X) Cyr (X) Fries

3. Pledge of Allegiance Board President

4. Vision/Mission review Board President

Vision: To create a regional school where high academic expectations coupled with an emphasis on the arts provides a well-rounded education that fosters respect for self and others while enhancing each individual's contribution to society.

Mission: The mission of the Northern Colorado Academy of Arts and Knowledge (NCAAK) is to craft and implement an imaginative and rigorous learning environment for teaching and learning. This program will link academics to the arts and link an arts education to community cultural resources. Ultimately, our goal is to teach students the joy of learning and the importance of expressing individual talent artistically and academically.

Slogan: Pride through Performance

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Move to adopt amended agenda (moving discussion of June financials out of consent agenda for discussion under item 3.5)

Motion made by: Fries

Seconded: Cyr

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

6. Audience Comments Board President

None

SCHOOL OVERSIGHT

1. Board Discussion Board Members

a) Bylaws Second Reading—Further discussion, pending approvals to be determined at December 10 meeting.

b) Set Election Dates and Discuss Election Policy / Election Motion

DATES:

10/6 Candidates invited to apply for Board candidacy

10/8 Assign election committee
10/17 Candidate applications due
10/30 Election committee has completed interviews
11/7 Candidate information distributed to voters
11/12 Board meeting
11/21 Election ends
December - New Board members expected to start at Board meeting and receive training before the December Board meeting

- c) Discuss strategic planning and training date
Strategic planning session on September 20 will include discussion of modification of Mission and Vision statements, Student Achievement goals and accountability, and School Excellence goals including: enrollment, finances, and strategy for middle school.
- d) Discuss 2008-2009 budget
See item 3.5

2. Mosaica Report

- a) Terry Gogerty – Executive Vice President
- Lunch program deficit—recommendations for closing gap with price increase and new vendor agreement
 - Terry met with Mayor of Windsor, who is involved in development of a Hoopstown USA project near Wellington. Discussion of possible synergy for creation of new Mosaica school.
 - Discussion of student enrollment growth options—further discussion and recommendations to be presented at Sept. 20 strategy meeting.
- b) Laura Szech – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
- Rebecca Tomasek has attended a CSI financial training program.
 - Roof repair proposal accepted, trying to get repair scheduled.
 - Air quality tested and has proved to be fine. (No black mold present.)
 - Setting kindergarten lottery for February 2009.
 - Mama Roni's—negotiating for lower cost.
 - Student Council had its first meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

The Board will act upon all items as a package unless a member wishes to remove and separately act upon an individual item.

- a. Approval of minutes for August 13, 2008

Motion: Move to approve the consent agenda as amended

Motion made by: Cyr

Seconded: Fries

Roll Call: Approved with one abstention

3.5 June Financials

Discussion of balancing of 2007-2008 budget and projected shortfall for 2008-2009.

Motion: Move to approve June financials with the understanding that the 2007-2008 budget will be balanced and the school will seek a line of credit through a local financial institution.

Motion made by: Fries

Seconded: Cyr

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

Motion: Move to grant Matt Fries, acting as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors, to approach a friendly lender (e.g., local bank, Mosaica) to open a line of credit or note to fund balance of budget ending June 2008. If a line of credit is established, it will be opened for up to \$200,000.

Motion made by: Fries

Seconded: Cyr

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

4. Board Action

A. Motion: Move to Accept Board Election Motion as corrected.

Discussion: Board seat D is unassigned. Dawn Cyr holds seat E.

Motion made by: Cyr Seconded: Eastman

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

B. Motion: Move to Accept Election Policy change from 33% to 25% of eligible voters must have their vote counted for the election to be valid.

Motion made by: Seconded:

Roll Call:

CLOSING SECTION (10 minutes)

1. Future Business

a) Next Board meeting

a. Review Election Process

b. Establish Election Committee

c. Smart Board / Study Island demo

b) Plus / Minus / Delta - Board Meeting Review

2. Adjournment

Adjournment motion made by: Cyr

Seconded by: Fries

Roll Call: Unanimously approved

Adjourned 8:01 p.m.