

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTING MEETING February 18, 2016, 6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Kent Smith, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

Chuck Crabb, Gina Guarino Buli, Michelle Boyd, Kent Smith, Craig Gibson, Carol Schaeffer, Michael Ghar, Daniel Rufo, Martha Stephens, Diane Hope, Eva Marie Swymelar, Kathleen Drennan, Kent Wenger (arrived late)

Opening statements

None.

MINUTES

Review & accept minutes from meeting from January 20, 2016 voting meeting.

Kathy moved to approve, Mike seconded. 6-ayes, 0-nays, all in favor. Motion carries.

OUTCOME OF STUDENT HEARING

Student A - required completion of 7-day suspension and if a level three infraction or above occurs during remainder of school year a return for Board review.

Kathy moved to approve, Chuck seconded. 6-ayes, 0-nays, 0-abstention. Motion carries.

Presentation by Academic Decathlon students: Emily Brockman, Kyle Miller, Josh Geuvin

The Team will participate in "Small School Nationals" in Chicago as they placed third in regional competition. One team of 6 students ready to go. Hoping to get a second team to qualify this coming Saturday. Discussion ensued on need for financial support. The Team was asked to return for the March Board meeting to present specific needs for financial contribution from the school.



Renaissance Academy

CHARTER SCHOOL

Building Lifelong Learners

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COMMITTEES MEETING UPDATES

Development Committee

Did not meet

Building Committee

1. Goshen - change order #5 \$11,116.00 - fuel fill for emergency generator.
2. Jay R. Reynolds - Change order #7 - Credit \$244 - Clean outs and fuel pipes
3. Perotto - Change Order #33 - \$108,833.94 - for work previously completed - storm sewer and lot 5 out to Grant Street.

Martha moved to approve, Kent W. seconded. 7-ayes, 0-nays, all in favor. Motion carries.

Bus Loop trial - barriers may be installed to avoid problems with the buses making right turns out of property – this will require Borough approval.

VFCC Lease closeout - waiting on information this week.

Legislative Awareness Committee

Gina summarized call from earlier this week. Discussion of another communication to parents and staff on information outlining changes in budgetary issues.

RA has joined a Class Action Law Suit with the Coalition of Charter Schools that opposes the proposition announced January 2016 that Charter Schools could not request payment of billed but unpaid revenues for services from a previous school year. Currently this could amount to upwards of \$53,000 for the school.

Curriculum Committee

Dan summarized presentation of proposed communication practices and expectations for SLC comments and communication.

HR Committee

Committee did not meet

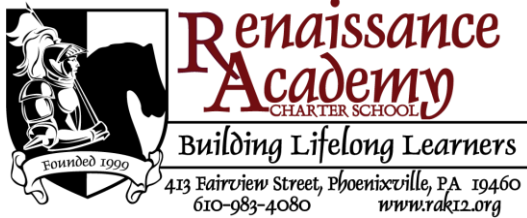
Finance Committee

Committee will meet tomorrow morning through conference call. Discuss projects and first draft of budget.

Business Manager's report

Carol presented and discussed the Business Manager's Report.

Kathy moved to approve the report, Martha seconded. 7-ayes, 0-nays, all in favor. Motion carries.



CEO's Report

Gina presented updated staff roster.

Kathy moved to approve the roster, Martha seconded. 7-ayes, 0-nays, all in favor. Motion carries.

Facilities punch list - walked building and compared with builders. Many minor and some major items still need to be completed. Mechanical systems still need some attention. Boys locker room drainage system and flooring need to be redone.

- Royal Ball was a huge success.
- SLCs also were successful.

Update on Playground Equipment & Budget - Discussion of timing. Expectation that at March meeting there will be final costs and visual presentation to allow for a vote.

The third and final delivery of paper from a donation made by Iron Works Church was received. The Board wishes to thank the Church for making the donation.

Principals' reports

Kristie was not in attendance.

Michelle discussed End of Trimester celebrations, March 11. Awards - March 23rd - K through 12. March 24th - Dance Concert. Philabundance Food Fight - kickoff - March 11th.

Dean of Students Report

Harold was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading - Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response Policy.

NEW BUSINESS

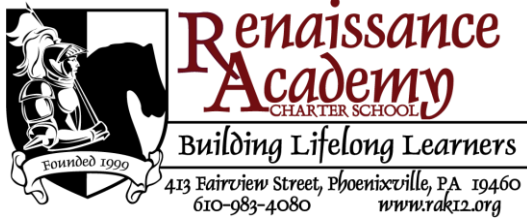
Gina discussed that the state issued permission for school Nurses to administer and house Narcan which RA will do.

Kathy presented the idea of the program of "Safe Hands, Safe Touch"

Martha requested to have Board member interviews and a search committee was formed for that purpose.

Search Committee: Chuck, Martha, Dan - Gina to help

Student direct appeal to the Board for dual credit course funding - students did not meet requirements to qualify for consideration



PUBLIC COMMENT

Open Forum at Phoenixville School Board - Chuck and Gina attended.

Dariush Keyhani had questions on the possible locations for placement of garden from Student Government. Michelle Boyd recommended that the student committee meet together with administration. Board would need plans with dimensions if the area the students choose is within the Condominium Common Area or is a use not currently permitted within our Limited Common Area, as this might need the approval of the Condominium Board.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mike, Martha seconded. 7-eyes, 0-nays, all in favor. Motion carries.

Kent S. adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM

Minutes prepared by: D. Rufo