

Cologne Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 19, 2013
Cologne Academy Conference Room

Board Members Present

Julie Olson, Chair
Lisa Schlough, Vice Chair
Jeff Katherman, Treasurer (Via Phone)
Melissa Mase, Secretary
Bryan Deutsch, Board Member

Board Members Absent

Staff Present
Jamie Degen

Guests Present

Weaver (Facility Dog)

Ex-Officio Members Present

Traci LaFerriere, CFO
Lynn Gluck, Executive Director

Ex-Officio Members Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and posted notice thereof, the regular meeting of the Cologne Academy school board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Julie Olson in the Cologne Academy Conference Room.

A. Approval Of Agenda

A motion was made by MM and seconded by LS to approve the agenda as presented.

With all members voting in favor, the motion carried. Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

B. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by LS and seconded by MM to approve the minutes from November 21.

With all members voting in favor, the motion carried. Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

C. Lein & Mechtel's Resignation

The board recognizes Matt Lein and Aleta Mechtel for their service on the board.

A motion was made by LS and seconded by MM to approve the resignation of Matt Lein and Aleta Mechtel.

With all members voting in favor, the motion carried. Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

D. Public / Open Forum

Allie Thompson (paraprofessional) and Nicole Pierce (counselor) proposed the needs and benefits of a therapy dog at Cologne Academy. The board discussed liability insurance and frequently asked questions regarding a therapy dog.

II. DEVELOPMENT

A. Board Recognition: Cookie Dough fund raiser organizers - Ellie and David Sprik

B. School Facilities Update

Matt Lein discussed details of future land acquisition.

Jeff Katherman left the meeting at 7:04

C. Executive Director's Report-- presented by Lynn Gluck Peterson

Director's report -WADMS: 470.72

D. Mayer Lutheran Scholarship

Mayer Lutheran will be offering a \$10,400, 4-year scholarship, to a CA 8th grade graduate each year. All students are eligible. The only 2 requirements are that (1) the 8th grader needs to shadow for a day and (2) the parents need to tour as well.

The scholarship will be awarded via lottery draw. The board reviewed the application for the scholarship after meeting with Dan Perrel, Director of Admissions.

E. National School Choice Week

F. CA Theatre Club

III. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

A. Policy First Read

1. 801, 402, 540, 438, 210

Jeff Katherman rejoined the meeting via phone at 7:25.

B. Policy Final Read

1. 706 Acceptance of Gifts, 609 Religion

A motion was made by MM and seconded by LS to approve the following polices: revised policy 609 Religion and 706 Acceptance of Gifts.

With all members voting in favor, the motion carried. Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

C. 2014 Legislative Proposal Form

IV. FINANCES

A. Treasurer's Report – Katherman

The finance committee met on 12/19 to review financial statements

A motion was made by LS and seconded by MM to approve the resolution to accept the gift from PAVE in the amount of \$38,255.19 with no preconditions, conditions, or limitations.

With all members voting in favor, the motion carried. Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

B. Audit – moved to adjournment section

C. MVEC grant/ Give MAX Day

V. FACILITY – Lein/Peterson

A. Health Inspector

B. Ncomputing

VI. ACADEMIC GROWTH

A. Reading and Math Reports

A report was submitted by Jen Gordon, Literacy Specialist, regarding our recent STEP training and reading goals.

A report was submitted by Aloma Rohman, Math Specialist, regarding math goals and assessments. She also discussed the possibility of Math Corp at Cologne Academy, current use of advanced graphing calculators, technology, and manipulatives in the upper elementary.

VII. PERSONNEL

A. Occupational Therapist Contract

A motion was made by LS and seconded by MM to approve the contract for Occupational Therapist, Olivia Boll.

With all members voting in favor, the motion carried. Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Announcements –

B. New Items – none

C. Next Month Meeting Conflicts – December 19th -none

D. Board Training

Dennis Hoogeveen joined the meeting at 8:26

E. Audit – presented by Dennis Hoogeveen

The school has been issued a clean and unmodified opinion on our audit-the highest reporting a school can receive.

F. Upcoming Work Day – none

G. National School Choice Week Picture

A motion was made by LS to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Mase, Board Secretary