

New City School Inc.
Board Meeting May 14, 2014
New City School

Present: Linda Crawford, Gary Crawford, Vince Esades, Karla Bisco, Marcy Myers, Melissa Johnson

Also Present: Jitendrapal Kundan, ex-officio member of Board; Jackie Paradis, School Management Services

Absent: Ven Anderson

Meeting convened at 5:00 pm.

Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. Vince Esades moved approval of the agenda; Marcy Myers seconded; unanimously approved.

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting on April 8, 2014 were approved. Karla Bisco moved approval; Melissa Johnson seconded; Minutes unanimously approved as written.

Director Evaluations

Director evaluation survey will be distributed to Board members in May. The deadline for return is June 30, 2014.

Financials

Fiscal 2013-2014

Financial Reports as at May 13, 2014 showed a fund balance of \$375,433.24. The budget for 2013-2014 remained the same as that approved previously.

Income received to date: \$1,391,046 out of budgeted revenues of \$1,660,625;

Expenditures to date: \$1,309,926 out of budgeted expenditures of \$1,699,995.

Fund balance gain to date for the current fiscal year is \$81,119.87.

Fiscal 2014-2015

The Budget for the 2014-15 year remains the same as previously approved by the Board:

Revenues: \$2,091,724

Expenditures: \$1,885,673

Net Fund Balance increase projected: \$206,051

Ending Fund Balance as at 6/30/15 is projected to be \$460,994 or 27.12% of expenditures, which would exceed the NCS fund balance policy of maintaining a balance between 15-20% of expenditures.

Check Register 4/18/14-5/13/14

The Board reviewed all checks written during this time period. Gary Crawford moved the approval of the check register for that period; Vince Esades seconded; unanimously approved.

Journal 4/8/14-5/13/14

The Board reviewed the journal entries entered during this time period. Melissa Johnson moved the approval of the Journal entries; Karla Bisco seconded. Unanimously approved.

Calendar for School Year 2014-2015

The proposed calendar was reviewed by the Board. Included in the calendar were the following days for return to school:

August 14, 2014 is the first day back for teachers.

August 25 is the first day back for grades 1-8 students.

August 27 is the first day back for kindergarten.

Instructional Days for 2013-2014

The number of instructional days by the close of the current school year is projected to be 171 days, within the legal state limits of days in the school year. Last year there were 176 days of attendance, but school closings this year reduced that number. New City is within the legal number of instructional hours for the year.

A motion was made by Vince Esades to approve the school days for 2013-2014 at 171 days. It was seconded by Karla Bisco and unanimously approved.

Grade Acceleration Policy

The parents of a New City School student attended the meeting and made a request that New City School permit the student's acceleration by one grade level for next year. They described in detail the student's needs and wishes, and the basis of their decision as parents to request a grade acceleration.

A policy regarding the standards and procedures necessary for grade acceleration was proposed by the Grade Acceleration Policy committee. It describes the steps of a formal process New City School personnel will follow in the event there is a proposed acceleration of grade for a student. Vince Esades moved approval of the policy. Melissa Johnson seconded. The policy was unanimously approved.

Preparation for the Global Workforce

Vince Esades made a motion that declared that the Board of New City School acknowledges that New City School through its curriculum and instruction prepares its students to participate in the global workforce with 21st Century skills. The motion was seconded by Melissa Johnson. Unanimously approved.

Nepotism Policy

A policy prohibiting nepotism in decision-making at New City School was proposed by Melissa Johnson, seconded by Marcy Myers, and unanimously approved.

School Partnership Project

A motion was made by Vince Esades and seconded by Gary Crawford to include the Collaboration for Achievement Project as an activity of New City School, in keeping with our mission to support other public schools in improving their services to students. The Collaboration for Achievement Project is fully funded by a grant from a private Minneapolis foundation and will be revenue neutral for New City School. Any costs in accounting will be paid for by the Project. The motion was approved by a majority with one dissent.

State of the School

Expansion Project: On June 15, 2014 we will be able to make a decision regarding a building large enough to accommodate our expanding enrollment. By that date, pertinent information regarding building availability, building expansion possibilities, and financial costs to the school will be known.

Contributions

New City School is grateful for the following gifts to the school:

New City Circle, our family organization: \$400.00 was donated to Ms. Karla's and Ms.

Melissa's class for 3 day camping experience field trip.

Allison Achterkirch \$20.00.

The next scheduled Board meeting is August 19, 2014. An earlier meeting may be called if necessary to consider building decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45. Melissa Johnson moved adjournment; Marcy Myers seconded; unanimously approved.