

School Board 1/17/2017

Attendees: Sue, Bob, Carmen, Verena, Kanea

PreK

Karinda- financial report

Thinking about where we are going with facilities- if it is possible to have 3,4,5 year olds being together as a true Montessori vs. 5 years old in K in the public charter

Public Comment:

Parent comment- consider grandfathering in past students in regards to rate increase. Asked board to reconsider rate increase.

Question from parent- what was the driving force in the rate increase? (Sue answered by saying it was a financial decision)

Include minutes on website to inform parents and interested parties.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:23pm

GMA School Board Meeting

Called to order 6:28

Directors Report- Sue-Numbers are down slightly. 422 in open enrollment for next year, goal is 380. Bob suggested inviting the families to participate in school activities, like dine to donate, etc. 30,000 grant that we can use for achievement, professional development, etc. We will be using it for training to help students with emotional issues and other teacher development. Special Ed is maintaining itself. 100 % compliance. Community outreach- Ryan's Smiles for kids. The kids make pillowcases for children at Riley. PTO has given us \$3000 for teacher development. Teachers have \$500 to use toward conferences. We have two people in CGMS currently. CGMS will be training at New Albany this year. Building needs- carpet seams are coming up and raveling. Leaks in gym is taken care of. Sue would like to make some sort of announcement about new facility. Sue would like to start a capital campaign with parents. Bob is not ready to move forward with this just yet because we don't have anything concrete to present. Owner of south campus would like to sell.

Financials

Karinda- We have taken a slight loss on investment (1.5%). Sue recommends a 30 day CD to reinvest when we pull it. Jake suggests to ride out current investment until mid-February and then use a short term investment. Carmen makes a motion to allow Joe from BMO to move investment to a CD or low risk at his discretion on the timing consulting with Karinda. Bob seconds. All in favor.

Rent due date has changed. Grant installment of \$500 came in December. Basic grant will be reduced by 20,000 starting in January. We still have not received all material fees.

Facilities

Approval was granted on special variance. We received an extension to close on property in the beginning of April. At the advice of council, we will be moving forward with getting bids. Public bid will need to be for contractor. Bob will meet with Nick to see what his company can do. No budget or costs have been approved. End point is June 2018. We have three bids for architecture. Our goal is to have a project manager by next month. Bob will meet with Nick this coming week and move forward with this. Goals: Close on property-April, then move forward with plans and then financing. We would like to have bids in March and have architect/contractor in place in April.

Information Items

Sue is working on the Strategic plan.

Retreat

Proposed to move retreat to May 9 @ 6pm

Officer Election

May 16

Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned @ 7:21