

LIBERTY COMMON SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
EXPANSION PROJECT
Thursday November 19, 2009
Teachers Lounge

Attendance: Craig Horton, Kayleen Fraley, Terri Fisher, Dave Kleen, Bill Werst, Dan Provaznik, Russ Spicer, Tim Ricketts, Casey Churchill, Bob Schaffer

4 Guests from ARC: John Haley, Kimberly Spence, Lisa Bogdanski, Cheryl Jiles

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 6:38 P.M.

SCIENCE REPORT – Dawn Karr

- Discussion on earth sciences class – helps support CSAP,
- Working to have the kids to be scientific literate
- 9th graders who take biology and ICPE – are well prepared for general chemistry
- NWEA – kids scoring low on concepts and processes – not straight-forward well written questions – 7th grade added two weeks of scientific processes and applying it to science fair. To see if concepts and processes scores improve.
- Lower grades - Pointing out in the science biographies in lower cases – emphasizing how they used scientific processes. Doing more labs in older grades.
- Core Knowledge – Doesn't do a lot on scientific method.
 - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade – doing scientific method
- Scientific / Math Olympiad – Looking into it in the following years.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

- Agenda passed with no objection.
- Motion to Approve November 5th minutes made by Craig Horton, seconded by Kayleen Fraley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Advisory Committee

- Goal is to have amended budget reviewed before Thanksgiving break
- Discussion of Proposed Amendment to 2009 – 2010 budget
- Core Knowledge Charter Foundation for 501c3 versus Liberty Common School – reflect that in future solicitations
- Two motions from Dan Provaznik, treasurer, to amend the Appropriate Resolution for an amended budget of \$4.7 Million – July 1 2009 – June 2010 – Seconded by Kayleen Fraley. Roll call was taken – all present voted – Aye
- Development committee being formed for fund-raising and grants
- Examined the five year plan – challenges depending on the PPR changes looking at the 5-year plan

NEW BUSINESS

ARC of Larimer County

- They shared best practices and potential programs available
- December 14th – Including Samuel at 6:30 PM – Council Tree Library

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- Assistant Principal, Mr. Churchill
- Discipline report
- Basketball update
- NCIL has its own web site and forum for coaches and administrators
- Purchasing more track uniforms for 3rd 6th grade class
- Next year – new volleyball uniforms
- Character Education – Raptor center – responsibility
- Drug & Alcohol Night
- John Kafalas – Citizenship
- 5th – 6th grade concert – focus on concert etiquette
- Purchased 18 – Motorola 4 watt 2-way radios
- Still logging literature books
- Quote from Power School on scheduling – finishing and training
- Accreditation report accepted by PSD

Business Manager – Mr. Ricketts

- Updated lottery list and cleaned up
 - 1st, 3rd, 6th, 9th – cleaned out and upgraded
- Reviewed budget and spending

Expansion Manager – Mr. Schaffer

- Message matrix – LCD vs. PSD
- Proposed state standards – K – 12 – Bob is sharing with faculty and gathering inputs in his role as State Chairman of State Board of Education
- Class standing in regards to top college admissions – College admissions officers need the guidance counselors to work with schools
- High school accreditation
- GPA in regards to college admissions – and concerns with grade inflation
- Investment in a good guidance counselor will be key
- Thank you notes
- Another sub-committee based on student life – Melanie Seilbach could be interested
- Dress code – sense of ownership

Headmaster – Mr. Spicer

- Academics - Literacy testing – RTI/STAT
- Need for another administrative assistant – part-time
- Job fairs / hiring
- Kindergarten proposal – Full-day 16, two half-day kindergartens (18, 18 & 18,17)
- Working on the lotteries and testing dates
- High school information nights – Dec 14th, and Jan 14th

ADJOURN

- 10:23 P.M.