

**LIBERTY COMMON SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Board Minutes

Attendance: Dave Kleen, Kayleen Frayley, Rob Lanciotti, Terrie Fisher, Craig Horton, Michelle Provaznik, Wade Darrow, Russ Spicer, Tim Ricketts, Valerie Preciante, Bill Wirst. Special guests: Ruth Ann Everett, Toren & Chrissy Cochran

CALL TO ORDER

- Craig Horton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Approve January 17 meeting minutes: Craig moved to approve with amendment of moving last sentence of Ms. Preciante's report to the community and staff comment section. Terrie seconded. Motion passed.

Community and Staff Comment: The Cochrans urged the board to considered expansion of our K-8 program so more families and children in our community could be impacted by our school.

AAC Report: Ruth Ann addressed concerns received in response to parent survey regarding writing and vocabulary. The current system for vocabulary (Thompson) incorporates vocabulary, Latin stems and is content based. The AAC lies the current system but administration needs to make sure it is being fully implemented in all classes and grades. Books with lists can be used as supplements but not as the main curriculum.

Parent complaints regarding writing were: 1. not enough writing being done and 2. opposition to the checklists which focus more on dress-ups and not content and flow. AAC's recommendation is to refine the current system so not too involved with checklists. Suggest hiring a writing specialist and paying for time devoted to grading writing assignments properly.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Dean of Students Report, Mrs. Preciante: No suspensions thus far. Cell phones are becoming more of an issue. Girls' basketball is #1 in League. Track begins after spring break.

Business Manager Report, Mr. Ricketts: Lottery list numbers going up. Preliminary budget was presented and discussed. Dave moved to approve budget with amendment of increasing health insurance costs by 6% until firmer numbers are known. Motion was approved. Legislative update included state will redo CSAP testing and a new law, if passed, will essentially give all districts exclusive chartering authority. On-line parent survey currently has a 57.3% response rate

Headmaster Report, Mr. Spicer: Formal evaluations are almost complete. Mr. and Mrs. King and Mrs. Everett are leaving the school. Mr. Spicer will begin search for

replacements. Mr. Ricketts and Mr. Spicer will be meeting with Jim Sarchet from PSD to discuss purchased services and Mill Levy.

STRATEGIC VISION

- This topic was delayed until next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss Use of Technology Policy – tabled until next meeting
- Discuss History/Geography Policy – tabled until next meeting
- Reconfiguration committees meeting updates
 1. Agendas and meetings need to be kept by subcommittees and submitted to staff
 2. Tim will post meetings.
 3. Financial model created by FAC to start the discussions for high school and K-8 expansion models.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Election Committee – Craig will put out call for applications to fill Terrie and Michelle's slots. Depending upon the number of applications submitted, a committee may or may not be pulled together.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Board went into executive session at 10:09 to discuss personnel issues.

ADJOURN: 10:35 pm.