

Stonebridge World School
Board of Directors Minutes
April 20, 2015

Present: Dr. Stanley Brown, Laura Sands, Matt Schumacher, Robert Bowes, JoAnn Knutson
Staff Present: Barbara Novy, 2nd grade teachers - Alison and Keisha

Meeting was called to order at 4:40. The agenda was reviewed. *Motion to approve agenda MS. Seconded JK. Motion passed.*

March minutes were reviewed. *Motion to approve minutes with one correction "money owed to the school". BB. Seconded LS. Motion passed.*

Consent Agenda

No items

Director's Report

Teacher Reports

Alison and Keisha reported on what 2nd graders are doing.

Crumping Dance was learned to help get anger out. Field trip to the Minneapolis Art Institute. Studying How We Organize Ourselves unit. Field trip to Lake Harriet, Sculpture Garden, and Minnehaha Falls. Students created maps on the computer to show how to get to each place. Growing things – started seeds, studied how seeds spread, dissected a seed. Studied How the World Works unit. (forces and states of matter) The Works came for an onsite field trip with things they could build. Math: Studied borrowing, regrouping, and graphs. Now starting Multiplication and rounding.

Students studied silent letters. They wrote about what they are learning using summarizing.

Students sent cards to 3rd graders to do well on MCA tests which showed the importance of the test to both the 2nd graders and the 3rd graders. Teachers are in attendance while their students are taking the MCAs and substitutes are being hired to replace MCA staff workers.

Director's Report

See attached

Phase two of construction planning starting.

Current Enrollment is 253.

Working on getting CAM issues resolved with Annunciation for 2014-15.

Enrollment for 2015-16 school year is ahead of last year.

Lease-aid was increased due to additional space that was added with the purchase.

Two temporary aids hired to finish this school year in two class rooms.

Three current teachers are being hired by Minneapolis Public Schools via Early Contract Hires.

Interviews have started to replace them for the 2015-16 school year.

Transporting a larger number of students who are homeless this year using a van service.

Nominations are open for one more teacher and one parent for the board.

Treasurer's Report

Matt reviewed the dashboard with the Board.

Cash on hand \$305,590. Money owed to the school \$632,477.

Giving benefits for 37 hour staff for 2015-16 was discussed. *A motion was made to give 37 hour per week staff benefits for the 2015-16 school year. MS. Seconded JK. Motion passed.*

Reserve Fund balance percent has been gradually lowering due to a higher budget each year. We will work to increase it from 18% to 20% of the yearly budget in future budget years.

Teachers are getting an estimated 4-4.8% raise this year. The bottom step was raised by \$1,000 plus each teacher added another year of experience for another \$1,000 raise. This is to keep pace with other school's increases.

Motion to accept March financial report – LS. Seconded JK

Budget for 2015-16 school year was proposed with plans for 280 ADM which includes plans to add another sixth grade class. The budget will increase the reserve fund by \$32,268 with a budget of \$3,893,235. Food budget will have no increase in reserve and will be \$244,124. *Motion by LS. Seconded by BB. Motion passed.*

Matt provided a summary of the parties and terms of financing for the purchase of the building from Annunciation Church.

Summer school does not have additional funding from MDE and will use Gen Ed funds to provide summer school. There will be 23 days from June 22 – July 23. Hours will be 9:00 to 1:50 and include breakfast and lunch focusing on math and reading. To encourage attendance there will be a drawing for 3 bikes and each day a student attends he/she will get one ticket for the drawing.

School year 15-16 will start on the 24th of August. Teachers will start on August 17th.

MVNA 2015-16 Licensed School Nurse Consultant Agreement was presented. *Motion to pass it BB. Seconded LS. Motion passed.*

CKG Good Food School Nutrition Program renewal of contract for vended meals for 2015-16 was presented. Breakfast went up 5 cents to \$1.48. Lunch went up 10 cents to \$2.90. *Motion was made to approve the contract MS. Seconded JK. Motion passed.*

Committee Reports

No committee reports. Barbara and Laura will meet on benefits policies.

Public Comment

No public comment

Other Business

Designate Official Authority to authorize access to MDE secure website for LEA. *A motion was made to designate Barbara Novy as the official with authority to authorize user access to MDE – LL. Seconded BB. Motion passed.*

Policy for purchase of group health insurance coverage was presented. *Motion was made to approve the policy BB. Seconded MS. Motion passed.*

3 sealed bids for health insurance quotes were opened (Blue Cross, Health Partners, Medica). *A motion was presented to keep our present insurer Blue Cross Blue Shield LS. Seconded BB. Motion passed.*

Adjourned

6:30

Motion- JK Seconded Everyone! Motion passed

JoAnn Knutson took notes for secretary Shannon Lawler who was not present.