

Juniper Ridge Community School
Minutes of the Board of Stewards
2/21/17

In Attendance - Patrick Ebel, Nicole Miller, George Rau, Pam Middlemas, Krista Kuncir, Cathy Staten, Layne Meyers, Andrea Haitz and Laura Carter.

Introduction of Guests: Jen Nichols from the Parent Council

The meeting was called to order at 5:49 pm

Opening Verse

Assignment of duties:

Facilitator	Layne
Co Facilitator	Andrea
Time Keeper	Nicole
Stack Taker	Cathy
Minutes	Cathy
Agenda Collector	Pam
Task Keeper	Nicole

Approved January Minutes

Approved the Agenda

Committee Reports:

Parent Council - Jen Nichols reported that all fundraising for the school has been done except Chipotle which will occur in May. Parent council has raised \$5478.51. \$273.93 has been given to 5th grade, \$273.93 to 6th grade and \$1095.70 to 8th grade. Moved Halloween Journey to the Saturday before Halloween for next year and moving the Walk-a-Thon from Fall to Spring.

Director's Report - Patrick E.

- See attached.

Finance Committee report - George Rau

- Reviewed the July through December profit & loss. Currently operating at a deficit because the PPR adjustment still has not been received as of 12/31/16. The financial statement was approved by the Board.
- Finance committee met last week to review the financial projection and proposal for purchasing the land.
- The Multi-year budget was presented for the next 5 years. It shows that we have the ability to both pay for the land purchase and support the debt load on our current location at the same time.

Building Site committee - Frank and Patrick met with Asset Engineering and they are interested in working with us on the construction of the school. Patrick is still talking with

Justin about alternative financing options. Patrick met with Matt from BB&T and they expressed some interest in alternative financing. Jared has also expressed some interest on Home Loan's part as well. First SouthWest Bank has declined any participation due to other commitments. The City has said they are going to take on working on the East entrance access to property.

Resource Development - Laura

- The Annual Grow & Give thank you letters have been sent.
- They have made a list of Community business partners who will received thank you letters for being business partners with us.

Approved JRCS Board policy that parents should serve on a committee for six months before being considered for a Board position. Board of Stewards handbook and bylaws will be changed to reflect this policy. See attached proposal.

Charter renewal - Patrick has spoken with Ron Roybal to schedule a meeting but has not been able to get it scheduled yet.

Fundraising guidelines have been approved.

School Calendar - added 3 days to the last calendar approved in order to fulfill the requirements for student contact. They are June 4, 5 & 6. Approved.

UIP review - is very similar to last year's UIP. We have requested paper & pencil tests and are teaching test-taking skills to the students because the children have the knowledge but haven't been able to demonstrate it on previous tests due to the format of the test.

SWOT - will be sent out and everyone needs to read it, vote on the item (by email) that we need to address first.

Renfair - we're working on getting sponsorships. If any Board members know of companies that would be interested in sponsorship, let Brenda know. She has information packets she can deliver to them.

Campus Update - We are in contact with a couple of local contractors to get bids. One in particular has brought in a proposal at a very reasonable price and has been in contact with our architect. We are having talks with them to determine how set the price is to be sure we're not being lowballed.

Patrick has talked with a bond broker that is open to financing schools that can demonstrate their growth in learning in ways other than test scores. This would put us in a better position for financing and could be accomplished sooner, which will allow construction to begin in August.

We were approached by District 51 about occupying a part of the old R-5 school building for no rent but some assistance with utilities. Development of that property will not occur for 3

to 5 years and the DDA does not want it to be empty for that long. Patrick has discussed this with the high school team who are excited about the prospect. He anticipates moving 8th, 9th and 10th grades to that location. This would allow us to double track 3rd grade without having to bring in another modular classroom. We would have to hire an office staff and supply a school nurse for some hours per week and would have to buy a computer server. Otherwise, the building is ready for occupancy and would be inexpensive for us to move into. The Board approved Patrick negotiating with DDA to occupy the R-5 building. Board also approved to go ahead with the purchase of the land.

Task List - See attached.

Time for heart - Krista talked about how the faculty's retreat to the hot springs in Glenwood Springs did a lot to improve morale.

Closing verse

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Staten