Meeting Date: March 27, 2018

Time: 6:48 PM

Location: GCCSA Great Hall

7 Henry Clay Drive, Merrimack, NH

Voting Board Members in Attendance:

Jenny Hitzeman (acting as Chair)

Peter Bonaccorsi

Danielle Charest(secretary)

Adam Fredrickson

Bill Spinelli

Absent Board Members:

Jack Balcom

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Rich Boardman (School Director)

Sandra Smith (Assistant Director)

Attending Public:

Eric Charest

Rebecca Fredrickson

Public Comments/Public Matters

None

Approval of Minutes from February

6:49 MOTION (Bonaccorsi/Fredrickson) Motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented accepted unanimously

Finance Committee Report

Bill Spinelli gave the financial report.

6:50 MOTION (Fredrickson/Bonaccorsi) Motion to accept February financial report into February meeting minutes unanimously accepted

March finance meeting was to draft the budget for 2018/2019: the proposed budget is based on 170 students. Highlighted topics were based around additional personnel. The committee hasn’t voted yet to present the budget to the board.

6:58 MOTION (Bonaccorsi/Fredrickson) Motion to accept finance committee minutes

In regards to the balance sheet we are in ok shape on a broad overview basis. Rich Boardman commented about Mike the finance person commending for doing a great job of answering questions when asked and finding answers to the things he doesn’t know. Bill agreed that he has been great at his job.

7:02 MOTION (Fredrickson/Bonaccorsi) Motion to accept financials as read accepted unanimously

**New Business**

PTAC- Jenny Hitzeman

April 18 is Margarita’s night. The 7/8 graders will be helping with this to raise money for their end of year activities. May 11 is family game night. Middle school dance was fun and successful. May 24th is the talent show at the O’Keefe auditorium. End of the year BBQ is being planned for June 12.

Curriculum Committee- Sandra Smith

Elizabeth Pearson on the Seacoast is offering art integration workshops and we have secured her to do some onsite training. Some of the teachers attended her winter retreat and spoke very highly of her. Responsive classroom training is being planned. This is an over the summer program we are committed to help our teachers attend if they chose. We are going to submit a grant to support the summer training. Peter asked cost and location. Rich states it is 729 per person and the location is Northborough, Mass and Concord, NH. Peter questioned how this will make an impact if it is only a limited number of teachers. The response was that we will be sure that someone attends both the elementary and middle school training to bring the info back.

Lastly another grant, a title 2 reallocation grant, to strive toward our mission to support classroom teachers in art integration was discovered and will be pursued.

H/R Policy Committee- Peter Bonaccorsi

There was no meeting since the last board meeting due to Peter having a schedule conflict.

PR and Community Relations committee- Jenny Hitzeman

Open mic night on Thursday 2/22 at Big Kahuna’s made the front page in the newspaper. Our ads ran in the jr actorsingers playbill. We also have an ad in Parenting NH. A few board members and staff attended

Grants committee- Rich Boardman

We are working with Marsha on a title 4 grant that was recently brought to our attention. This is a government grant that will bring in a social worker or guidance counselor. This grant requires a lot of wording on goals and statistics.

Resubmitted grant for PE or technology.

Facilities committee: Adam Fredrickson

Working on the issues reported in our safety inspection, water bubbler pressure and drug free zone signs. Also new wireless was installed by Eric Charest

**Old Business**

Strategic Plan Goals were shared with staff for feedback. Bill asked about effective differentiation. Rich responded that it means teachers ability to meet learning needs and abilities within the classroom. And then be able to present the information in a way that is meaningful to differing ability levels. Peter explained it as being able to meet the needs of the individual students rather than teaching to the middle of the class. Peter wondered what learning data meant and what data will be collected. Sandra Smith explained that there are a few benchmarks that can be used for this in grades 1-4 but we are working on ways with the older grades. Ames web is electronic for grades 2 and above but is not for k-1. We are exploring ones that are k-8.

Budget 2018-2019 update: Rich spoke to current enrollment being 155 with 18 in K and remaining 137 in 1-8. Our parent information session brought us a new 5th grader starting Monday. Transition is sometimes easier before the end of the school year so often we will see some movement in the enrollment numbers.

Enrollment for next year is looking good. Kindergarten lottery is coming up. Enrollment process has changed and parents must attend an information session then schedule a tour. 53 families have shown interest. 23 have followed the process and 5 slots are taken by siblings or staff’s children. The likelihood is that we will begin the year with 20 students in Kindergarten. Intent to return letters went out and about 95% came back. Grades 1-7 all have a wait list for next year. The smallest grade we anticipate for next year is 8th with a likely number of 15.

New Business

Middle school proposal: Rich presented the new proposed middle school model based upon the feedback of the teachers and the trial that was run. Rich and Sandy propose middle school be grades 5-8 where each grade have a homeroom. 5-6 and 7-8 share a humanities and math/science teacher.

7:55 MOTION ( Bonaccorsi/Fredrickson) Motion to authorize rich to move forward with finalizing plans to move 5-8 to middle school plan and come back to us with final plans. 7:55

New board member has been nominated. She was referred by Dr Kane

7:59 MOTION (Hitzeman/Charest) Motion to accept Anne Chessen to our board was unanimously accepted 7:59

Directors Report

* Enrollment update
* Projected enrollment update
* 2018/2019 kindergarten lottery
* Open mic night
* Celebration of learning
* Charter school conference
* Parent information night
* Merrimack police and fire

Upcoming Dates

* 4/2- 12- Nashua rotary presentation
* 4/3- quarter 3 grades close
* Week of 4/9- state assessment begins grades 5 & 6
* 4/17 BoT meeting
* 4/19 early release
* 4/20 no school- teacher conferences
* Week of 4/23 spring break

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8:15 MOTION: (Bonaccorsi/Hitzeman) Motion to enter Non-Public session under RSA 91- A:3 II (c) Personnel. Motion passed unanimously

Adjourn non public 832

8:33pm MOTION (Bonaccorsi/Spinelli) Motion to adjourn accepted unanimously

Next public meeting April 17, 2018

Meeting adjourned 8:33pm