

**Honey Creek Community School
Minutes of April 25, 2012**

Call to Order: 5:36p.m. by Board President Scott Mahler

Recording Secretary: Karen Giltrow

Board Members Present: Pat Conlin (arrived at 5:40p.m.), Will Hathaway, Brian Hockley, Linda Knox, Kelly Krawcke (arrived at 5:49p.m.), Scott Mahler, and Lisa Wozniak.

Board Spotlight: None.

Consent Agenda: The following amendment was made to the Fund Development Report in the March 28, 2012 minutes: the word “board” was replaced with the word “committee” in the following sentence; Pat Conlin recommended the board take the draft of the articles of incorporation to a lawyer for an opinion. The amended sentence reads: Pat Conlin recommended the committee take the draft of the articles of incorporation to a lawyer for an opinion. Linda Knox moved, supported by Brian Hockley to approve the amended consent agenda. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Public Participation: None.

Finance Committee Report: Written report in board packet.

Fund Development Report: Written report in board packet.

Governance Committee Report: No report.

Outreach Committee Report: Written report in board packet. Will Hathaway noted the new incoming families would be emailed invitations to attend the STEM Fair and the Curriculum Celebration. The Internal Communication Survey has been sent out to the community, and to date we have received approximately thirty responses back.

Strategy Committee Report: Written report in board was distributed to the board. Simone Jenkins was added to the report of those who attended the meeting. The fourth strategic goal was developed at the April 23, 2012 meeting and reads:

Sustain and enhance Honey Creek Community School by encouraging and harnessing the time, talent and resources of community to support curricular, instructional and reporting goals.

A discussion on the fourth goal followed, and included the goal needing more work. Scott Mahler charged the committee to look at the 4th goal, and bring ideas back to the board on how to formulate.

Director's Report: Written report in board packet. Items included:

- Al Waters, Shellee Almquist and Brian Hockley met with Chris Thompson from MAPSA on April, 17, 2012 to explore creating our own management company.
- TerraNova assessment results arrived today.
- Middle School teacher Joe Griffith received the Michigan Association of School Board's Education Excellence Program Award for his unit on homelessness. The awards ceremony will take place on May 9, 2012.

Old Business:

Bullying Policy

Pat Conlin moved, supported by Brian Hockley to approve the updated Anti-Bullying Policy. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

MPSERS

Rates are expected to increase each of the next two years. Exploring options to leave the MPSERS pension system.

New Business:

Articles of Incorporation

Brian Hockley moved, supported by Will Hathaway to approve sending the Articles of Incorporation for the new entity to a lawyer for review. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Other Items of Business: None.

Board Kudos To:

- Shannon Davis, Kristin Vespa, Bill Van Loo, and Mario Jordan for another fabulous session of basketball.
- The parents, staff and students for another amazing Earth Day Celebration!
- The students, parents and staff for another thrilling Talent Show!
- Mario Jordan for creating a wonderful summer camp brochure.
- Johnny Thompson for spending her Spring Break improving her Academic Service-Learning teaching and facilitation skills.
- Lunch w/an Expert guests Nancy Dean, John Klausmeyer and Robert Alexander for speaking with our students on April 13, 2012.
- Edible Garden volunteers who helped to prep the garden for planting. Nice job!
- Pat Deldin for organizing the swap.
- All the students, staff, and parents who volunteered at Joe's Bartering Bonanza.

Preparation for Board Communications: Kelly Krawcke will prepare a summary of the board meeting for the Honey Bunches of Notes Newsletter.

Public Participation: None.

Adjournment: Pat Conlin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m.