

**Honey Creek Community School
Minutes of November 28, 2012 Board of Trustees Meeting**

Call to Order: 5:31p.m. by Board President Brian Hockley

Recording Secretary: Karen Giltrow

Board Members Present: Pat Conlin (arrived at 5:40p.m.), Brian Hockley, Linda Knox, Kelly Krawcke, Nina Nabors.

Staff and Community Members Present: Al Waters, Shellee Almquist, Salli Kropp, Karen Giltrow.

Board Spotlight: None.

Consent Agenda: Linda Knox moved, supported by Kelly Krawcke to approve the consent agenda. **Motion was approved by all board members present.**

Public Participation: None.

Finance Committee Report: No report.

Fund Development Report: Brian Hockley reported the committee is looking over the 1023, gathering mailing addresses and officers. Kelly Krawcke will be the secretary.

Governance Committee Report: None.

Outreach Committee Report: Written report in board packet. Nina Nabors noted fundraising is tabled until the fundraising group is up and running. A second draft of the Honey Creek story will be brought to the December 19, 2012 board meeting. The next Outreach Committee meeting will take place on November 21, 2012 at 8:15a.m.

Strategy Committee Report: Written report in board packet. Al Waters, Shellee Almquist and Nina Nabors met to review the initial draft of the Honey Creek story. Stephen Nose recommended the story be in a narrative format and be shortened to one and a half pages.

Faculty Liaison: Faculty Liaison Salli Kropp sent the following faculty concerns/questions to Al Waters:

- 1) Can a committee be formed to do fact finding in solving the deficit problem?
- 2) What steps and timeline will the board use when continuing the management company discussion, and how will the board share the process with the staff and community?

A discussion followed and included Al Waters informing the board they will continue to look at alternatives to a management company. Linda Knox expressed interest in being on the committee to explore other possible options. Al will ask the faculty at the next staff meeting to submit in writing and anonymously, the items on the budget that should stay, and items that could possibly be cut.

Director's Report: Written report in board packet. Al Waters reviewed the following:

- Set Seg, Honey Creek's liability insurance provider returned \$1,556.00 of our annual premium due to lower than expected claims last year.
- The Focus representative from the Michigan Department of Education has contacted Al Waters and will have the faculty complete a survey. The content of the survey is unknown.
- Three bills are under consideration in the legislature that could negatively impact our school funding and impact our core approach to education.
- Currently in the fourth year of our five year charter. Al Waters began discussions with the Washtenaw Intermediate School District regarding the process that will begin in the spring.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Other Items of Business by Consensus of the Board: Al Waters announced five area High Schools (WIHI, New Tech, AIM, Greenhills, and WTMC) will visit Honey Creek on December 14, 2012. This will allow the middle school families to gather information on the various high schools.

Board Kudos:

- To Andy Colombo-Dougovito, Tammy Hall, and Darnell Talbert for successful field hockey and cross country campaigns.
- To all the parents who kindly donated food for the staff on professional development days.
- To Ann and Thomas Kovacs and all the volunteers who helped make the Fall Festival amazing.

Preparation for Board Communication: Kelly Krawcke will prepare a summary of the board meeting for the Honey Creek Newsletter.

Public Participation: None.

Adjournment: Pat Conlin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15p.m.