

Honey Creek Community School
January 23, 2019 Board Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

Roll Call

Present: Barnaby Pung, Victoria Bennett, Bryan Cole, Melanie Hagan, Matthias Kirch, Al Waters, Bridgette Carr, Shellee Almquist (5:36pm) Mary Bassett, Jenny Crayne, Shana Barker
Not Present: Andy Sheibar, Wayne Millette, Nicole Garcia Shana Barker was introduced to the board, she is a potential new board member.

Consent Agenda

Motion to accept December 2018 minutes Barnaby Pung and Bryan Cole by show of hands.
Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Al Waters attended Kindergarten events at UM hospital and Foundations preschool, for interested families. The Honey Creek enrollment meeting is Saturday January 26th at 10:30am. Close to full enrollment for Kindergarten and other grades, 1st grade is low. If remains low Kindergarten will be overfilled to compensate.

Al Waters was invited to go to a event with state senator, which gives him the opportunity to discuss funding options for Honey Creek.

Looking for new Special Education teacher for next year.

Grade reporting system underway, looks good.

Michigan Education Trust discussed equity in education in Michigan, number of speakers talking about education needs and solutions.

Discussed plans for sourcing additional funding followed.

Faculty Liaison Report

Nothing to report.

Foundation Liaison

Foundation voted to give 30k gift and plan to raise 25k by the end of this year similar to previous years, through direct asks, trivia night, etc. Website updates

PTO Report

Would like a board member to regularly attend meetings. Digital greeting video etc. for PTO to be posted on social media. Introduce everyone and increase participation.

Strategic Plans

Finance Committee Bridgette Carr - current fund balance is at 7.7% projected to land at 9.9%

Governance Committee Melanie Hagan - recruiting potential new board members, policy revisions ongoing.

Outreach Committee Barnaby Pung - moving meeting days, coordinating with room parents, to streamline the communication process.

Equity Committee did not meet.

Old Business

Strategic plan: Get information from Equity Committee about how they are organized and structured

Motion to approve strategic plans as is by Barnaby Pung and Victoria Bennett passed unanimously by show of hands vote.

Two new candidates for board elections. Vote to increase size of board from 7 to 9 scheduled for next month's meeting. Vote to appoint two new members scheduled for next month's meeting.

Director's evaluation separated from goals. Motion to accept Director's Evaluation by Bridgette Carr and Bryan Cole motion passed unanimously by show of hands vote.

New Business

First reading of resolution about suspensions and expulsions and implementing other disciplinary practices instead. WISD has adopted this resolution and AI proposed that Honey Creek also adopts them. The resolution will be presented to the Equity Committee to incorporate into their goals. Second reading and action item to pass the resolution scheduled for next month's meeting.

Board Kudos

Teachers and students for work on curriculum night. Everyone working on recruiting new families through visits etc.

Board Communications

Strategic plans

Public Participation

Shana Barker shared the meeting was very informative and impressed with the level of transparency.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm. Motion by Victoria Bennett