

American Renaissance School

Board of Directors meeting

February 5, 2020

5:30pm

Board Members in attendance: Raphael Weeks, Frank DiGangi, Kam Brown, Danny Carpenter, Michelle Knapp

Board members not present: Jonathan Bell, Tracy Sain, Caity Gordon

Administrative Staff present: Jim Duffey, Jessica Duncan, Andrea Leluika,

Call to order Michelle Knapp, Board Chair

Approval of agenda Michelle Knapp

Frank DiGangi moved and Kam Brown seconded to approve the agenda

Approval of minutes from Jan 2020 Michelle Knapp

Kam moved to approve and Frank seconded.

Public comments: none

Recognitions

Spelling bee winners Elementary-Cameron Goforth, winner and Natalyn Weiss, runner up
Middle School-Brady Beaver, winner and Natalia Carr, runner up

Front window decorations of 409 hearts for Valentine's Day. The hearts represented the total number of elementary students with expressions of 409 reasons we love ARS.

Report from Jim Duffey

The position for IT Director has been narrowed down to three candidates; IT salary scale was put together to be in line with industry standards. Salary based on years of experience will serve as a guide line. Indeed job website and DPI pay scale was also considered

Previous scale was based on a technician scale

Frank moved to approve the IT pay scale: Kam 2nd

EC report

The number of EC students continues to rise. Need for full time EC position

Renee Jewel was recommended as an EC teacher for full time hire.

Frank moved and Kam 2nd to approve the hire of Renee Jewel; Motion passed

Governance

Kam Brown

Two interviews have been held and two more interviews will be scheduled for the upcoming ARS Board of Directors openings. Have not discussed board of director officers for next year

School year 2020-21 Calendar recommendations

Anita Waugh

The calendar committee developed four calendars and then narrowed the four down to two, draft

B and draft C. The majority of the staff voted for draft C, the August 5th start date for staff with August 12th being the start date for students. The calendar committee presented draft C and draft B to the board. Jim Duffey recognized the calendar committee for their work in developing the drafts for school year. Frank moved and Kam 2nd the motion to approve draft C. The motion was approved.

June Board meeting change

Jim Duffey recommended the June board meeting to be changed from June 3rd, 2020 to June 24th at 5:30pm in order to discuss and approve the '20-21 budget.

Finance report

Frank DiGangi

Surplus of \$200000 for the year.

ARS tax return being filed; 2018-'19 form.

There is an opportunity to audit finances from ISS and other school districts where students who attend ARS reside. The audit could reveal finances that are owed to ARS based on our student population. It was agreed that we may want to revisit this opportunity at a later date.

Revenue projections follow last year until state budget is passed

Danny moved and Raphael 2nd to approve the finance report as read; motion approved

Access grant update

Jim Duffey

Not submitted yet, PACKAGE ready to go and ready to submit, Due 3/1/2020

Training will be provided to staff for diverse student population and more recruitment of diverse staff.

Access grant can be used for startup and expansion. Technology, training, transportation and contract positions are some of the things that can also be funded.

Fundraising

Jim Duffey

2020 ARS Golf tournament and Gala March 20, 2020

\$500 Wells Fargo community care grant received for gala

Email for gala sponsorships has been sent out

New campus update

Bubble diagram updated to review

Closing on Green Street property on Feb 7

Seismic testing will be done; Tradd Street will be closed on next Monday

Record and Landmark easement agreement approved
Attorney will be needed for easement agreement

Technology and Communications

Jim Duffey

Lottery Applications are now available on-line using the Lotterease system. The applicants will receive notifications by email from the Lotterease system. The number of current applications for the lottery is on pace in comparison with the count from last year at this point in time.

Current campus proposal

Two additional classroom spaces were proposed for downstairs near the PE space. Danny presented a diagram that outlined the dimensions of the proposed classroom space.

NC Check in Report

Results were shared from NC Check In from the middle and elementary schools
A plan for necessary interventions will be put in place based on results of the check in

Elementary Report

Board members need to vote for the Invention convention

Counseling report

Middle school students are now lunch buddies for several elementary school students

Final Report

A real estate agent contacted Jim in regards to a house on Green street. The house is located on a lot adjacent to the where the new school building will be located.
The owners may be open to selling. The house would need to be torn down and it may be an easement issue. Jim will find out how much the owner is asking. Lot is 6,000 square feet.

Frank moved and Kam 2nd for RECOMMENDATION To go into CLOSED SESSION; motion approved.

CLOSED SESSION: policy issues discussed

Notes submitted: Raphael D. Weeks