

Veritas Board Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2017

6:30 pm -8:30 pm

Present:

Board Members Present:

Maria Leahy, Chair

Gary Webster

Amber Burke (call-in)

Catherine Hutasukhut (call-in)

Absent:

Jason Cole

Additional attendees:

Jill Johnson, Staff Representative to Board

Chris Bloom, Head of School

Colleen Cromer, parent of student

Robyn Diaz, parent of students

Chuck Chudinski (sp), school operations

Discussion of Recent Vandalism of School

-Over 15 windows broken

-CMPD Contacted, in communication with detective handling case who as of board meeting had not contacted the school back. C Bloom following up again to have handled

-Youth identified as vandals based on security cameras on the school

-Neighborhood parties have been keeping an eye on the school

Questions from Board and Parents:

-Can someone come out and provide a security analysis of the campus to improve security

-Forge relationship with CMPD to improve their time and responsiveness for our school when an alarm goes off

- Remove the silent alarm and have a very loud alarm released when the school security is breached
- Need more cameras and lights to make school a less friendly target to potential vandals
- Next Board meeting need to be prepared with information on new security ideas.

II. Middle School Planning

- Need to continue work on middle school planning
- Gary Webster, Catherine Hutasuhut, Maria Leahy working on committee to address plans for middle school next year. Need to meet before next board meeting
- Colleen Cromer presented Charlotte Parent is a powerful tool to promote the school with others, also need to increase Facebook marketing traffic
- Mattisha Dawkins, handling web, we need to brainstorm how to improve how we promote ourselves, promote all of the good being done at the school.

III. Interviews, Surveys: Board Member Candidates, Staff, Parents

- Two candidates for the Board need to be interviewed. One has a background in health and wellness another in restorative justice
- Would like to recruit more board members to represent the community/
- Chutasuhut proposed reaching out to Camp Northend
- CCromer proposed reaching out to contacts who might be helpful to the school
- Tom Miller of Team CFA proposed to do some leadership training, help focus board on vision planning four years from now
- Exit Interviews being conducted by G. Webster and C Hutasuhut
- Discussion of sending out staffing survey for review of satisfaction also reviews from parents for school improvement

IV. Title 1:

- Application for title 1 funding has gone out

V. Food Provider Bids

- RFO has gone out to find a new vendor for food services, who serves are school's nutrition standards

V. Head of School Report

1. Head of School Report Given
2. Map Testing Completed
3. Grants applied for

4. Media Presence at School—proposed to have reporter come to school and be student for a week, need media consent for children to be sent out to parents
5. Volunteer Groups:
 - a. Need to reach out to groups like the Kiwanis Club, Lion's Club etc to support school
 - b. Boy Scout troop Eagle Projects/Girl Scout Troop Gold Award projects

VI. Staff Representative (Jill Johnson)

1. Working with the children to collaborate more
2. Working on a bucket list for students to compete for

VII.

1. Financial Committee
 - a. Budget revised based on student numbers
2. TEAN CFA Report
 - a. 4 new schools in Team CFA
 - b. Board would like to have more relationships with other CFA boards
3. Publicly thank Jill Johnson for her work as staff rep to the Board.

Closed Session

1. Staffing
 - a. Music Teacher submitted 30 day notice, taken a full time job in Davidson
 - b. Already reaching out to staff the position but want it to be a FTE position because part time positions are difficult to keep filled
 - c. Proposed creativity towards staffing
 - i. Art Associations looking for someone looking for part-time