

Ridgeview Classical Schools BOD
9-21-2004
Ridgeview Classical Schools
Board Room @ 6:00pm

Attendance:

I. Executive Session

A. Contract & Personnel Performance Issues

II Minutes Review-Amend/Approve 8-17-04. Amie motions to approve minutes of with corrections. seconds. Unanimous. Meeting began: 6:15 pm
In attendance: Dr. Moore, Kim Miller, Mr. Carpine, Jim Powers, Peggy Schunk, Amie Sharp, Mark Geib, Ann Schmidtberger, Brian Robertson

III. Reports:

A. President – Mentioned thank you card from Poudre school district tech dept. Discussed misinterpretation of facts regarding charter schools and their improvements compared to public schools. Discussed exclusive chartering authority for Poudre school district. Discussed letter we sent to the district, as well as letters from other charters. CLCS conference coming up. Courage to Risk conference – SPED will attend, possibly a board member or two

B. Vice President/ Secretary – Discussed whether we want to continue with an ad in the Homesteader. We will consider doing it again next summer. We will look into putting an ad in the Forum as well.

C. Treasurer – Volunteer coordination went very smooth. Discussed way to get parent computer up and running. Amie reviewed bank statements. Amie was granted access to VIP and received authorization for our resource room as well. Need to be sure teachers are aware.

D. Member

E. Member

F. Principal – Teacher training went smoothly, group discussions especially helpful for both new and old teachers. Uneventful meeting with District and other charter schools. Expressed issues; inequities of funding with mill levies, etc., also not being invited to district events, i.e. spelling bees. We realize most administration is very helpful and considerate, mainly the school board that disagrees with us. Hillsdale and St. Johns college will come to our school in Oct. American Academy of Liberal Education= credits certification to serious charter schools. Gives accreditation to charters. Will visit us on Oct 6th at 1PM. May be interested in applying. Discussed what district will require for us to renew our contract. Dr. Moore will contact district. Start of school year has been very smooth. Homework seems manageable. Math placement smooth, students were in the classes learning on the first day.

G. Assistant Principal – ACT scores = RCS composite is 23.4 compared to State at 19.6 and National at 20.4. We have been counting our foreign exchange students and need to find out if other schools do. Construction= stairway by elevator, stairway in front hall and trophy case. First has been complete. We

will not complete second one. Trophy case would be \$4,000.00. We will not complete either. PAC needs lighting. Amie motions Jim seconds to spend \$1660.00 for new lighting. Discipline= quick glance, pink slips are less than last year.

- H. Business – There are no business reports, we are finishing accounting with auditor
- I. Teacher
- J. Committee

IV. Old Business

- A. Enrollment Update – 2004-2005 We have 583 students to date.
- B. Info Meeting – 2nd Mondays / Oct 11, 2004
- C. Policy Violations/Communications – Report – Parent wrote to us about math program and their students’ grade. This is not a board issue. Dr. Moore is handling it.
- D. Facility –
 - a. Update & Funding – We can appropriate money from our money market if we need to for our budget this year.
 - b. Lease to Own Option – Discussed option with investor to do a lease purchase. Jim motions to have his submit paper work so we can proceed. Amie seconds. Unanimous.
 - c. CREDO – Walton Research Study of Charters = Walton has pulled back from supporting Core Knowledge. They are looking at what programs are successful for charters. We would like to participate.

- V. **Community Comments** – Ann asked about website. Need to update bio and events.

VI. New Business

- A. Policy Third & Final Reading – Policy Revision
 - 1. AP 7.5 Eligibility (approved 8-17-2004)
 - 2. AP 4.2 Class Rank, Valedictorian, Salutatorian -
 - 3. G 1.0 GovernanceJim motions to adopt the class rank Policy AP 7.5 and governance policy AP 4.2. Amie seconds, unanimous.
- B. Second Reading - Revision
 - 1. AP 4.1 Adjusted GPA – discussed pros and cons of grade weighing.
 - 2. AP 6.0 Reporting – Tabled this policy
 - 3. SE 10.0 Enrollment – Add “form” to first underlined sentence
 - 4. SE 5.01 Dissemination of Information -
- C. First Reading- Revision
 - 1. E – 7.2 Security of Site – lower each fine by \$250.00. Change name to Security of Site and Assets.
 - 2. SE – 11.5 Traffic Violation – Change to “The following traffic policy was violation” in first sentence.

3. AP – 7.0 Promotion – By procedure we will replace a grade if the student retakes a class. Need policy to reflect. Change sentence, “ A D in a single class may be a passing grade and may be awarded credit at the discretion of the teacher and principal. (Omit next sentence). Discussed issue of removing the grade from transcript when class is retaken. May add an asterisk denoting the retaking of class. Need to keep as first reading.

D. 1st Reading – Proposed Policies -

1. E – 7.16 Software Installation; Equipment Usage – Need to revise.

E. Consent Agenda

1. Confidential Personnel Actions

Break

I. Discussion -

1. Graduation & Location – We will keep it at PAC.

2. Building Rental / Usage – \$50.00/hour for PAC.

\$100.00/Computer lab. \$25.00/classrooms.

3. Documentation of Employee Praise and Correction – Discussed procedure we have been using and will continue to use.

4. Sick/ Personal Days during Training – Already documented in contract

VII. Other – Dr. Moore discussed class trip to Disney world for a music symphony. We need a policy.

Career community service – considering a program encouraging our students to participate.

Representatives of the Accountability committee met with district to review accreditation plan that is due November 1st.

VIII. Community Comments

Meeting adjourned @ 10:20pm