

Ridgeview Classical Schools BOD
2-17-2005
Ridgeview Classical Schools
Board Room @ 6:00pm

Attendance:

I. Executive Session

A. Contract & Personnel Performance Issues. Session begins 4:06pm

II Minutes Review-Amend/Approve 1-20-2005 with changes Jim motions. Amie seconds. Unanimous. Amie motions to move accountability to front of meeting. Jim seconds. Meeting began: 6:22 pm

In attendance: Dr. Moore, Kim Miller, Mr. Carpine, Jim Powers, Peggy Schunk, Amie Sharp, Brian Robertson, Jackie Bermel, Laurel Van Maren, Mr. Patterson, Jerry Peterson, Dr. Laura Hester, April Treloar.

III. Reports:

Accountability Committee – Will give us parent survey results in April BOD meeting. Will write something in weekly notes understanding if the survey is returned blank, it is still considered towards the free dress day. Question 30 G add “classical education” Question 36 include “any positive comments” as well. Need to break down question #10 as well. “How well has the mission and philosophy be articulated to you”? Question to add. Refrain from using word “staff” for teachers. Clarify questions 22-25. Question 12 –“the curriculum”. Instructional Effectiveness “Riggs/Phonics/Spelling” Grammar/Writing, Geography/Science”. “Have you read the student/parent handbook”

A. President – Two in things in legislator. 1. Senate bill passed out of Senate committee. This will put a noose around neck of charter school institute. They have to get charter approved by school district. Hopefully Gov. Owens will veto this. Please write to your representative! This concerns us for facility funding in the future. We need to educate our parents about political issues.

B. Vice President/ Secretary

C. Treasurer

D. Member

E. Member – Could not attend meeting tonight.

F. Principal – Our HS has been 2nd in state twice, 3rd in state once. One of our teachers went into the CSAP database for real numbers. Results – we are fairly far behind D’Evelyn, however the next three schools: RCS, The Classical Academy and Cherry Creek are very tight. Then there is a huge drop. We are not sure if we fall into 2nd place or 3rd. Our ACT reading is highest in the state – that included our foreign exchange students which is something that no other school does. 6th grade visitation day (to 7th grade) to get a sense of what middle school is like. Went well, students seemed to find it informative, will follow up with 6th grade parent night sometime in March. Date will be announced in next weekly notes. Will need a new teacher for middle school English. We have offered this position to a candidate from

- Chicago. Parent letter- very nice letter comparing RCS to the “real world”. Discussed marketing strategies and new brochure.
- G. Peggy motions to bring Technology business to forefront. Amie seconds. Unanimous. Presentation and discussion by Ruffdogs on possible migration to Linux.
 - H. Assistant Principal – Completed NANP testing. 4th & 8th graders took test. Many of our students felt the level of content was “appalling”. New air-conditioning unit in server room. CSAP prep has been completed.
 - I. Business – New school accountant is gearing up. Have training set for tomorrow
 - J. Teacher
 - K. Committee

IV. Old Business

- A. Enrollment Update – 2005-2006 “Bring a friend to school day” April 15 for 5th -9th. Need permission from both parents. Mrs. Schunk & Dr. Moore will make decision on brochures and where to put them, keeping under budget.
- B. Info Meeting –Schedule change Feb 28th, none in March due to 6th grade night and HS night, In April going back to 2nd Monday of each month. April 11,2005
- C. Violations/Communications – Report – Had one parent complaint to which we responded with a letter.
- D. Facility –
 - a. Update & Funding – Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Schunk met with our lawyer to discuss business park and easement. Options – giving them what they want (20 spaces) or to sue them. We will hope that when we serve them papers, they will be willing to talk to us.
- E. Review Action Items -

V. Community Comments –.

VI. New Business

- A. Policy Third & Final Reading – Policy Revision
 - 1. AP 6.0 Reporting-approved, review correction
 - 2. correction is correct
- B. Second Reading – Revision/Review
 - 1. SE 3.01 OR AP 7.01 Grade Level Placement “ If student is behind the existing peer group...” Dr. Moore will review.
- C. First Reading- Revision/Review
 - 1. E-7.15 Use of Internet & Email – everyone with a RCS account can now access it from any computer anywhere through mail.ridgeviewclassical.com Addition: “all communications pertaining to RCS should be received and sent through the Ridgeviewclassical email account. Email should be responded to in a timely fashion.”
- D. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Confidential Personnel Actions

2. Jim Motioned to vote in favor of personnel issue discussed in executive session. Amie seconds. Unanimous. Kim Miller abstained due to conflict of interest

Break

I. Discussion

1. IT – Linuxing – we can find the money. Peggy motions to accept Ruffdogs proposal under review by Jim and Dom. The funds will be allocated \$10,000.00 from Walton Grant. Approximately \$22,000.00 from general fund in instructional supplies Tech enhancement fund. \$10,000.00 from residual facility financing. The remaining \$6,000.00 from 2005-2006 general fund. Amie seconds. Unanimous.

2. BOD Elections – Reviewed Elections instructions that were written in our charter. Discussed role of nominating committee. We have asked Accountability committee to play that role. Ballot will be prepared and AC will determine process. We need to set date for annual meeting with members of the school.

3. Budget 2005-2006 – Review monies put in budget last month. Dom & Jim will check into Internet access expense. See action items. PPR numbers we received from district seem incorrect. Mr. Sharp & Mrs. Miller will write next years budget for district. Board will review at a later date.

4. E-2.1 Selection Process by Dr. Moore

5. Fundraising/Babysitting by the Board – Mr. Carpine has volunteered to temporarily head up fundraising committee. Has allocated money to put benches outside for lunchtime. A parent is volunteering to cement curb we have asked for a bid to cement area under benches. Mr. Carpine would like to ask fundraising for this money – approx \$2500.00. BOD can pay ½ of this.

April 1st is Board Babysitting night.

6. Resource/Office Equipment – Binder machine etc. cost = \$10,435.50 We can make up this cost with year book in one year. We would rather take it from the Walton Grant. Jim motions to take funds from the Walton grant to pay for this. Amie seconds. Unanimous.

7. Core Knowledge Conference – Three teachers, and one BOD member. Jim motions to send 4 people providing we get reasonable rate for hotel rooms. Amie seconds. Unanimous.

- 8 BOD Meeting Schedule – There will be no BOD meeting in March, there will be two in April.

- VII. **Other** – Amie motions for Dr. Powers to spend up to \$3,000.00 on a digital video camera and a digital still shot camera. Peggy seconds. Unanimous. Allocating balance of Walton fund to resource improvements and fireproof filing cabinets for cum and personnel files. Amie motions. Jim seconds. Unanimous.

Reviewed calendar for next year. Start date Sept 6. Christmas break Dec-19-Jan 2 Spring break March 13-17. Last day of school and Easter break will to be determined.

VIII. Community Comments

Meeting adjourned. 10:28pm