

First State Montessori Academy
Thursday July 24th, 2014
First State Montessori Academy
1000 French Street, Wilmington, DE

Minutes of the July 24, 2014 Board Meeting

In Attendance: Gregg Moist, Jessie Keith, Beth Carter, Yvonne Nass, Corey Lamborn, Laura Messinger, Heather Townsend

Absent: Gina Castelli, Veena Rao, Courtney Fox, Katie McCormick, Sean Boyd, Hunter Clarke-Fields

I. Executive Session

The Executive Session of the Executive Session of the July 24, 2014 Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30. Gregg Moist moved to approve the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

First on the agenda, Head of School Courtney Fox discussed the building status. She identified building needs, including holes to the gym floor (resulting from the removal of playground equipments) that need to be patched, discussing both permanent and short-term solutions. She also discussed problems with one of the buildings air handlers. The Board conferred and authorized Courtney to pursue cost-effective solutions, temporary if necessary.

Next, Courtney up-dated the Board concerning the status of the performance grant from the State and Consolidated Grant status. It was explained that the School did not receive as much in performance grant funding as anticipated. A discussion concerning the impact of this event on the budget, as well as general funding needs, followed. The Board tabled further discussions on the impact of the grant status on the budget pending further review of dynamic revenues.

Finally, Courtney recommended a candidate for the Special Education teacher position, [[INSERT NAME]]. After a discussion of [[Name]] qualifications, [[who moved]] for the Board to approve making [[insert name]] and offer. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Public Session

The public session of the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Gregg Moist Gregg presented the minutes from the June 12th, 2014 Board Meeting and moved for their approval. The minutes were unanimously approved.

The Board members then commenced committee reports.

First, Gregg Moist reported on behalf of the Facilities/ IT Infrastructure Committee. Gregg discussed the IT needs of the facility, and reported that thirty computers had been donated to the school, satisfying a large portion of the school's computing needs. He further reported that the School still required small number of computers [[GIVE SPECIFIC NUMBER]].

Next, Beth Carter discussed Transportation. Beth addressed the progress relating to securing a busing company and establishing bus routes for students. She emphasized that we were working hard to finalize busing so families will be able to make transportation arrangements for the coming school year.

Finally, Heather Townsend gave the Traffic Safety Update. Heather discussed her efforts towards to securing space for buses in front of 1000 French Street. Arrangements for securing parking space in front of the neighboring church were also addressed.

The meeting was then opened for Public Comment. Receiving no comments, the meeting was adjourned [[at – we will need to start inserting the time]].