

Minutes

HCCS Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2010

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Treasure Valley YMCA, Caldwell

Meeting called by Lon McRae

Board Members present: Lon McRae, Chairman; Crystal Davidson, Secretary; Brian Bishop; Emmanuel Navarro; Kevin Benjamin; Holle McRae, ex-officio.

Also in attendance: Gus Gonzales, Irma Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Dave Nielsen, Bridger Fly, Natalia Benjamin, Christine Ivie, Elysa Skousen

Item

Owner

Welcome

Lon McRae

Approval of 11-3 meeting minutes with correction to add Brandon Fairbanks in attendance, motion made by Crystal Davidson, second Brian Bishop; Motion to amend the 11-17 agenda and remove the Errors and Omissions discussion, made by Brian Bishop, second by Emmanuel Navarro. Both motions approved unanimously.

Crystal Davidson

Discussion regarding the duration a family would be granted founder status and if there is a provision to revoke founder status. It was determined that once a family is granted founder status they will always have founder status. Motion made to approve the Founder Criteria with minor adjustments to language made by Kevin Benjamin, second Brian Bishop. Motion carries unanimously.

Crystal Davidson

Discussion of the revised grant budget. Brian had some concerns about some line items. Crystal had talked with Michelle Taylor to inquire if it was possible to spend our money differently than specified in the grant. Michelle said it was possible to spend our money on other items as long as the money is spent in the same spending category. Due to the fact that the budget had to be submitted on November 18 the board decided to approve the revised budget. Motion to approve revised grant budget made by Kevin Benjamin, second Emmanuel Navarro. Motion carries unanimously.

Crystal Davidson

Facility update letter has been written and needs to be submitted to Tamara. Lon McRae volunteers to be responsible for submitting the monthly facility report to Tamara by the 25th of each month.

Crystal Davidson

Discussion of board member authority and responsibilities. Board members do not have power to make decisions on their own. No one should be speaking to members of city departments or committees without the consent of the board and no decisions should be made by individuals.

Lon McRae

Discussion of logo design and potential candidates, bids are the same, Motion made to go with logo designer number 1 made by Kevin Benjamin, second Brian Bishop. Motion carries unanimously. Discussion about billboards, board decides they are too expensive. Discussion of facebook adds.

Holle McRae

Upcoming events- Nov 19 meeting to hand out materials at the Caldwell tree lighting; moved open house from the 30th to Dec. 3rd at TVCC; meeting Dec. 4th from 10 to noon to decorate float for night light parade; open house Dec. 16th at C of I; enrollment opens Dec. 1st

Holle McRae

discussion of possibly hosting our own form since Paragon's isn't secure. Motion made to allow Holle to move forward with the enrollment form and security certificate made by Crystal Davidson, second Kevin Benjamin.

Emmanuel Navarro

Discussion of various banking options. Motion to use Wells Fargo for banking and authorize Emmanuel Navarro and Lon McRae to sign on the account made by Kevin Benjamin, second Brian Bishop.

Dec. 3rd at 11 am preview of the NCA assets auction. The auction is to be held on Dec. 4th. Emmanuel Navarro is going to contact Michelle Taylor to find out how we can use our grant funds to purchase items at the auction, Kevin Benjamin is going to check out storage unit costs.

Lon McRae

Floor plan comments, general consensus was everyone liked the appearance. Some question about wood construction versus steel beam costs as well as longevity and maintenance. Brian plans to contact Travis from One West to get specific numbers on the current building plans.

Holle
McRae

Discussion about moving the 6th grade out of the dual language immersion program due to the amount of student turnover in that grade. Motion made to move the 6th grade out of the dual language immersion program and begin Latin instead made by Crystal Davidson, second Brian Bishop.

Holle
McRae

RFP for management services has been posted. It will run in the newspaper the next two weekends, also advertising through the state department website and ICSN. Board will accept proposals through Dec. 31 and make a decision at the Jan. 4 board meeting.

Holle
McRae

Technology report. Various options were researched and presented by Bridger Fly. Mac's vs PC's, smart boards vs Elmo's. The board doesn't need to make a decision now regarding technology, however we do need a better idea of costs and capabilities and what is available to us to accomplish our goals for the classrooms.

Bridger Fly

Business office discussion. Holle presented several different options she had found. One in particular has a conference room, full time secretary, phone line, copier and furniture available for \$225/month. Motion made to allow Holle and Kevin to decide on a business office option up to \$300/month made by Brian Bishop, second Kevin Benjamin.

Holle
McRae
Kevin Benjamin

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Benjamin, second Crystal Davidson.

Lon McRae