

Present: Dick Nunamaker, Angela Toothaker, Amy Bryant, Andrea Gressman, Cheryl Dyer, Patrice Mosher, Mike & Liz Ackerman, Trona Denny, Caryn Braddy and Barbara Hulet.

Amy gave a report on the current charges for us to go over. The DO also talked about next year's charges (as accountabilities committees, how can we excel as a community). If we (DAC) have recommendations for charges we need to have the request in by the end of the month. They also discussed the COLA. This is something that we normally do not follow. We would be self funding as for the insurance. State increase of \$203.00 per student. They also discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade CSAP scores. June 10<sup>th</sup>-Amy and Caryn will present our responses to the charges.

Caryn gave a hand out for the group to go over –District Accountability End of Year Presentation. Deadline for the response is May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Barbara's time is up on the Stewards board on June 30<sup>th</sup>—she asked Patrice if she would be interested.

It is felt that the Stewards Board is still receiving a lot of miscommunication about what the VHCP is doing. Is it still going on or is it coming from past occurrences. We are still fighting the difference of our setting to the conventional school systems. We are constantly compared to the conventional school.

Contract negotiations discussion. The team will take information to the Stewards meeting this coming Monday. The negotiations are still uneven as to the money issue. Barbara-I do not want us to sign something that we are not happy with. What is our alternative? Our biggest liability is our surplus but the reason we had the surplus because of having to provide for ourselves. We have been good money managers. A good example of this is our building. Discussion over surplus. We could go ahead and purchase our curriculum as discussed before.

Remaining discussion from DAC meeting-minutes taken by Cheryl:

Issue of protection brought up by Barb Hulet. All words have meaning in law. Terminology is the key in how we define guidelines, etc.

Andrea Gressman brought new idea to the floor regarding setting up a program for those who have very low or no parental support. They have a program called "Launch" in Surface Creek for this group of kids and it is working great. It would be a place where these learners could come like from 8 to 10 Monday through Friday to do their work whether it would be OdysseyWare or whatever. Someone would have to supervise and organize, but we could rotate staff and RC's to be on site. Andrea suggested a program name of "REACH" meaning Resources, Education, Accountability, Community, & Hope. We could offer rewards and recognition – incentives.

Dick Nunamaker suggested the DAC committee be thinking about length of time for contract. It is now set up to be in place when signed for three years with wavers of 2 years. This would need to be presented to the Board of Stewards. Everyone was in agreement that we would like to sign for one year only.

We need to really push Public Relations.

Next DAC meeting is Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30pm.