

December 6, 2006

Board of Stewards Meeting

Delta Office: Dinner @ 5:00PM Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Stewards attending: Dense Claire Laverty, Dick Nunamaker, Trona Denny, Don Pyle, Tracy Gibson, Jim Link, Barb Hulet

Directors: Caryn Braddy, Sara Sharer, Anjula Julian

School District Personnel: Mike McMillan

Others: VHCP attorneys, Jerry Tompkins, Lance Timbrezza

Denise Claire Laverty will facilitate.

Set Agenda:

Public Comment

Non-Conflicted Board of Steward Members

Charter Update

By-Laws

Executive Session: C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (b)

There are no public comment items.

Trona introduces Mr. Jerry Tompkins and Lance Timbrezza from the firm of Traylor, Tompkins, Black and Gaty. The firm is being retained to help the VHCP negotiate and resolve disputes with the school district administration and Board of Education.

First discussion is about each site forming a nominating committee for retaining non-conflicted Board members. It is suggested that there be staggered terms for the first seated Board. 3 members for a 1-year term, 3 members for a 2-year term and 3 members for a 3-year term. After the first initial nominations new board members would all serve a 3-year term. It is up to each site to form their committees and present their nominations.

There is discussion of whether the Board will need a different process for election vs. nomination for a public ally funded program. Each site can nominate a parent/student, and up to 2 community members. It is felt each site should also encourage an RC representative to attend board meetings. Learners and RC's would have the same classification for matters of business and would be non-voting participants. RC's and Learners would be encouraged to participate in proposals for consensus approval.

Sara: Are there age or judiciary responsibilities (liability issues) for student Board members?

Jerry Tompkins: Clarification of Board responsibility will be researched by the attorneys in regard to student obligation.

Dick: Would like to see more meeting participation and suggests the possibility of forming "Student Councils" as representatives for each site.

It is decided that each site should have their Board nominees attend the January 2007 Board of Stewards meeting. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2007 at the North Fork office.

Tracy asks for confirmation as to where each site is with its nominations: Surface Creek (possibly 2) Delta (0) North Fork (uncertain).

Anjula: Discussion of Charter Update: Mike McMillan requested that the application be completely updated with newly adopted policies.

There will be an Accountability Committee update on 12/07/06.

Anjula spoke with Eric Hall about the possible appeals process; it would consist of a notice of appeal and an opening brief. The VHCP has 30 days to formally file the appeal with the State.

Anjula proposes that if the Charter application is denied she be given the go ahead to work with Eric Hall on the appeal. There would be a \$3000 up front fee for Mr. Hall and the appeal could cost as much as \$15,000. She states the League of Charter Schools has a legal fund available for some of the funding. The Board of Education can vote Yes, No or Yes with conditions. If the Board of Education denies the Charter there will be a Board of Stewards meeting on December 15, 2006 at the North Fork office.

This proposal is passed by consensus.

Caryn: We will need to present a letter to the Board of Education as a completion to the submission of the final application. The Charter application will on the agenda for the School Board meeting on December 14, 2006. There will be no presentation from the VHCP at his meeting.

Claire gives Thanks to all who participated and attended the public forums.

Mike McMillan: Makes a statement thanking the accountability committee and recognizes their effort, time and hard work.

Bylaws: It is decided that the current Board should have a strong set of Bylaws in place for the new Board to govern by. Bylaw discussion is tabled for a future meeting. The attorneys will review the Bylaw draft and make suggestions for strengthening and giving clarification.

Claire moves to take a 5-minute Break and then resume the meeting in Executive session. Trona states that all Directors for the VHCP are invited and encouraged to participate in the Executive Session C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (b) regarding legal advice from the programs attorney's.

Open meeting resumes following Executive session at 8:10 P.M.

The first proposal is to retain the firm of Traylor, Tompkins, Black and Gaty to advise the VHCP on matters of Dispute with the School Board and school district administration.

This proposal passes by consensus.

The second proposal is that for matters of general legal affairs a committee will be formed to find sources of separate funding sources to provide financing for that legal advice.

Anjula and Sara volunteer to work on the 2nd proposal and the proposal passes by consensus.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Trona Denny
Secretary, VHCP Board of Stewards