

Board of Stewards Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2007
Delta VHCP Office

Stewards present: Dick Nunamaker, Rex Stucker, Denise Claire Laverty, Trona Denny, Jim Link, and Sharon Peterson

Steward nominees present: Susan Logan (NF) Betty Luebbert (SC) Snub Lilies (SC) and Anne Stinson (NF), Jim Woods (D)

Directors present: Sara Sharer, Caryn Braddy, Anjula Jalan and Amy Miller

School District personnel: John Jones

Others: Don Pyle, Moni Slater, Jeff Clemens

We start with a report from the long range planning committee: They state that their next step is to compare schools and review areas that each has in common.

February minutes are approved by consensus with minor spelling corrections.

Program will work on Site visit recommendations as it was felt that concerns voiced at the charter appeal hearing were based on the Site visit report. It is proposed that we contact Rich Weining to help us form a long range plan. The proposal passes by consensus.

There are concerns over the curriculum review committee process. "Is IT working?" It is asked if there is a possible conflict with District committee and District Staff personnel being closely related. A proposal is made that we have a Curriculum Committee report at monthly Stewards meetings. Proposal passes by consensus.

Director evaluation updates:

Anjula Jalan: North Fork Director, will be complete and report at the April Stewards meeting.

Caryn Braddy: Delta Director, will be complete and report at the April Stewards meeting.

Amy Miller: Surface Creek Director would like input and assistance with establishing a process for Surface Creek. Progress will be reported at the April Stewards meeting.

Sara Sharer; Coordinating Director, will work on her agreement and report progress and evaluation process at the April Stewards meeting.

Update on Charter appeal from Sara Sharer and John Jones.

It is felt that the appeal was a very valuable process and has put the VHCP on track for future goals and defining what makes the VHCP such a unique and valuable program.

The School District is still looking at their PIP for the VHCP and wants a new negotiated contract with the Board of Stewards. They feel the Charter process was unfortunate and costly to both sides. Mr. Jones states that John Phen (state CDE representative for Delta) recommended only a one year extension of the waivers that allow the VISION coalition to operate. It is asked if the request can be amended to ask for an indefinite extension of waivers, or a minimum of a 5 year extension. There is a proposal to have the Stewards make a written request to the School Board asking for a five year waiver extension. The proposal passes by consensus and will be presented by Sara Sharer at the school board meeting on March 15th.

There is a proposal to send the Colorado State Board of Education members a "Thank you" note for showing their support of the VHCP during the appeal hearing. The proposal passes by consensus.

Update on the North Fork RC Retreat which is being held earlier this year. They will be working on staffing and educator policies, clarity of joint school efforts and how to carry forward "Retreat Momentum" within individual schools. It is suggested that Sara present program wide issues to RC's at each sites retreat. There is a proposal to have RC and Site proposals which are developed at the retreats taken to the long range planning committee. That committee would then prepare a report for the Board of Stewards on action plans. The proposal passes by consensus.

It is suggested that the Stewards think about a possible date in the near future for a Stewards retreat. Those possible times should be presented at the April Stewards meeting.

"Pep Talk" from Jim: Wants "ALL" to be committed to bringing and carrying forward the excitement from the RC Retreats and reminds us that the consensus model is a Power-House that enables the Stewards to conduct business with the School District.

Amy Miller nominates Snub Liles as a new Steward member representing the Surface Creek site, the nomination passes by consensus.

Meeting adjourns at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Trona Denny
Secretary, VHCP Board of Stewards

