

NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017

The regular meeting of the NPSD Charter Governance Board, Ltd. was called to order by Jessica Chuckel at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 a.m.) on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at St. Germain Elementary/NPMLC Music Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Jessica Chuckel, Betty Wright, Sherrill Mayoh, Stephanie Feckett, Judith Manzelmann, Karen Weber-Mendham, and Natalie Spiess. Quorum was established. Also present were Carie Brock, Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR MS/HS Principal and Tony Duffek, St. Germain Elementary and NPMLC Principal. There was one citizen in attendance.

Open Meeting Verification – Jessica Chuckel stated that the meeting had been duly called with meeting notices posted at the following locations:

1. The Northland Pines High School and Middle School in Eagle River
2. The Northland Pines Elementary Schools in Eagle River, Land O' Lakes and St. Germain
3. The Vilas County Courthouse – Eagle River
4. The Eagle River City Hall
5. Additional notice has been given:
 - I. The Vilas County News Review-Eagle River
 - II. WERL/WRJO Radio Station-Eagle River
 - III. The Rhinelander Daily News-Rhineland
 - IV. WHDG Radio Station-Rhineland

Approval of Agenda – MOTION by Sherrill Mayoh that the Board approve the agenda as presented and leaves the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Betty Wright. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

Public Participation – There were no citizen comments.

Minutes of Past Meetings – No action taken.

Board Communication

- Carol Pluedeman, SOAR MS Paraprofessional, reaching out for help from any interested board member in editing SOAR MS DKG essays
- SOAR MS Showcase Night is on night of October 23rd
- *Montessoiree* is evening of November 3rd welcoming volunteers or anyone to attend
- Log-a-Load was last week and was a huge success thanks to Carie Brock and the SOAR staff

Administrative Report:

Tony Duffek reported on NPMLC:

- MLC - Recently had a field trip to Helene's Apple Orchard

- Family Learning Team Meeting was a success and had a good turnout
- At in-service Montessori teachers worked on curriculum mapping and are finalizing units of student and building a rotation for projects and standards

Carie Brock reported on SOAR MS:

- Showcase night on October 23rd
- One focus has been on Math - looking at what can be done to improve problem solving - math at this time is not a strength of SOAR MS - Aleks is used and don't know if it is the best as a stand alone. Teachers doing more mini-lessons and trying new things. Math is top of agenda on things to work on
- Open House - was after start of the year this school year - there was a cookout and time in classrooms
- Adventure week is at Conserve School in fall, girls night approaching and boys night coming up too
- Enrollment is steady - at 56 right now

Carie Brock reported on SOAR HS:

- Enrollment was at 17 at start of year and now is at 25 students
- Log-A-Load was a success
- SOAR HS students helped at Cranberry fest and were a huge help

Discussion/Action items:

Fall Assessments: MLC - shared out data on how students are doing on AIMSweb compared to the entire district; SOAR MS - shared out data on how students are doing on AIMSweb compared to the entire district; spoke about how the test scores are not showing the entire picture of student success - they are not used to taking tests and not testing all the other great things they are learning.

Transitioning from Montessori to SOAR MS and SOAR MS to SOAR HS: The transition for SOAR MS students to SOAR HS has been a smooth transition and students do realize that HS is much different than MS. They are not the same schools and there will be some different procedures and expectations. As for Montessori to MS, it is hard to say because there are only a few students from MLC that went to SOAR MS. Additionally, those students were in Montessori for only two years (3rd and 4th grade). Won't get a clear picture on how the MLC students in SOAR MS compare to traditional school students until the current 2nd graders move into 5th grade.

Administrative Evaluations: MOTION by Jessica Chuckel that the board approve the administrators evaluations be conducted using MyLearning Plan and through annual board reports at the end of the year. Second by Sherrill Mayoh. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried.

SOAR MS Contract with NPSD: This contract with NPSD School Board is up in the summer of 2018. There will be a work session prior to the Governance Board meeting in December to start updating and working on contract. The Governance Board can approve it by February and it can be presented to the NPSD board in the spring of 2018.

Update on Teacher Licensing: New laws regarding licensing which makes it easier for charter school teachers to gain licensure they need.

DPI Charter School Grant Award: State of Wisconsin was granted 95 million dollars to establish charter schools. Authorizers will be able to write grants to expand current charter schools or replicate existing successful charter schools.

Montesoree Fundraiser: Annual event planned for November 3rd at Harbor Point. Flyer included in board packet. All board members are invited to the event or volunteer to help. There will be raffle items, food, beverages and a silent auction for student art work.

Adjournment: MOTION by Betty Wright that the Board adjourn. Second by Jessica Chuckel. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.