

NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the NPSD Charter Governance Board, Ltd. was called to order by Emilie Braunel at seven thirty a.m. (7:30 a.m.) on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at St. Germain Elementary/NPMLC. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Betty Wright (via Google Meet), Emilie Braunel (via Google Meet), Cheryl Todea (via Google Meet), Karen Weber-Mendham (via Google Meet, left at 8:29), Laura Rozga (via phone) and Jennifer Jefferson (via meet, left at 8:25). Quorum was established. Also present were Tony Duffek, St. Germain Elementary and NPMLC Principal, Carie Brock, Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR MS Principal (via Google Meet,) Ann Perry, Lead Teacher SOAR HS (via Google Meet), and recording secretary, Michele Hotmar.

Open Meeting Verification – Emilie Braunel 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. The Vilas County News Review-Eagle River

Approval of Agenda – MOTION by Cheryl Todea that the Board approves the agenda as presented and leaves the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Jennifer Jefferson. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Public Participation – There were no citizen comments.

Minutes of Past Meetings – MOTION by Karen Weber-Mendham that the Board dispenses with the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2020 and the Board approves the minutes as presented. Second by Laura Rozga. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Board Communication – There will not be a Charter Board meeting in December. The application process to sign up for NPMLC and SOAR MS begins in January. The Board may ask for a meeting in December if they feel they have more ideas on how to get more parents to apply.

Administrative Report:

Tony Duffek - NPMLC: Written report

Carie Brock - SOAR MS: Written report

Ann Perry – SOAR HS: Written report

Finance Update: Schools presented their current budgets and expenditures.

Discussion/Action items:

11a) Update on start of school year and response to COVID-19: There is nothing major to report. Attendance numbers have been good as it seems to go in spells. Safety measures put in place seem to be preventing a lot of common viruses. Attendance is better now this time of year than in past years in some of the schools. One of the continuous challenges is having enough substitute teachers in for staff that are out.

11b) District Calendar: The district changed the school calendar to include optional days for students once or twice a month. These days are for teacher planning. Teachers will have a half day with student doing enrichment activities, and have a half day for planning. When students are not with their teacher, they will be participating in enrichment activities with support staff.

11c) Interview Governance Board candidate for the SOAR HS parent representative: The Board interviewed Debbie Tank via Google Meet.

11d) Approve candidate for the SOAR HS parent representative: MOTION by Cheryl Todea to approve Charter Board parent representative for SOAR HS. Second by Betty Wright. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

11e) Approve combined GPA calculations for SOAR HS: MOTION by Cheryl Todea to approve the combined GPA calculations for SOAR HS as presented. Second by Betty Wright. Voice vote 4-0. Motion carried.

11f) SOAR HS seniors seeking input regarding an Alaskan Expedition next spring: Two SOAR HS seniors presented a slideshow regarding plans and cost for an Alaskan expedition next spring. The trip would take place May 8-19, 2021, and include 8 students and 2 advisors.

11g) Policy committee update: The policies for Charter schools will be on the NPSD website. The Board has access to all policies and related materials through the shared Charter Board documents drive.

11h) Work Session: The Board will have a work session in January for handbook changes.

11i) Adjournment: MOTION by Laura Rozga that the Board adjourn. Second by Cheryl Todea. Voice vote 4-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.