

Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday evening, February 11, 2008 at 6 p.m

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Bill Bogdanovich, Stefanie Fournier, Daniella Garran, Kathie Grenon, Barbara Haines, Marion Hobbs, Bernie Lynch, Kathy McNamara, Amy Mesirow, Carole Ridley, Heidi Schmidt. Absent: Dan Dray, Jeff Zinn. Public: Fred Walters, Paul Niles, Marion Lay, Karen Scichilone.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 14, 2008. Unanimously voted.

Public Forum

None

Faculty Report

Conducting anti bias curriculum review led by, texts resources looking for gender cultural sexual orientation department by department. Paul and Daniella went on separate site visits Atlantic South Shore Public Charter School. Term 2 seminars which are focusing on a book. Tony Williams in the random acts of kindness outreach to alums. Focussing efforts local. First proceeds from a sundae party benefit Logan Dunne an alum battling cancer. Valentine's Day fundraiser will benefit Caleb Benefits. Charter Cares is working for alums in the community needing help. Alison Argo well know fundraiser. OWY Summit will happen here including educators from Africa to Eastham working on curriculum focuses on the UN Mill Develop Goals. Develop Ctte and UNICEF were attracted to her curriculum for the \$100 laptop program. She decided it wasn't ready yet and this will be the meeting where it is reviewed and fine tuned. Unique. Happening here. Hosting opportunities for the weekend of March 1. Press. Paul and Daniella finding the first cornerstone project Michael Farber believes that early settlers placed a rock in Cape Cod Bay for the purpose of determining surveying points. Part of a seminar. Cindy Horgan current parent will offer 3 programs on parenting . Open to our families 3 nights in March.

Chair's Report

Director Evaluation 3 forms distributed to the board, 2nd mailed to parents, to faculty and staff. Level of response good across the spectrum. Basically very positive responses. Carole will present with the whole report in March. Meeting scheduled with Kathy for review.

Committee Reports

Finance. Not much substantive change, \$36,000 at year end. Kathy and Karen have begun the budget with very 2% increase and no staff raises it represents \$4,000 excess. Salaries are already slightly behind, so need to find revenues. Extending health insurance benefits has been an ongoing issue, but the FIn Comm would like to we are not in a position to put in place. Does admissions get factored into the budget? Those numbers we know will be factored in. Most budgets go up, usually about 2%, but we won't know until later in the year. March meeting will present budget.

Site Committee

Fair amount of activity. **Route 137** resubmitted offer with request for response by Weds. If she doesn't respond, if she is late we can make the decision to extend the offer to allow consideration. **Portanimitic Road** owner has offered a non negotiable price on the 4.2+/- acre site. Small in size good idea to have an independent evaluation done to assure Big advantages- no access, all usable land, no exemptions, no habitat issues according to Sharon Rooney. **Freeman's Way** several parcels. Brewster is seeking CC Commission for a large parcel off Freeman's Way. Their application goes in this week which for us would mean a 45 day moratorium for permits, DCPC nomination will take 15 months before the school could use the an d could impact our process. . Kathy spoke at a Brewster Selectmen's meeting which resulted in some press. There is a variance procedure which could help. Kathy has had discussions with the owner of one parcel of 9 acres. Some title issues. Also a soccer camp the owner of which has talked to kathy. Expressed interest in selling but we want to walk the piece. 15 acre piece next to the Brewster Rec fields and it backs up to Nickerson. Both will be affected by the DCPC permit.

Landlocked property 20 some odd acres off **Ruddy Duck** on Route 39. Has severe access issues which are being explored but its complexities had put it at the bottom of the list. Carole was contacted last week by the chair of the waster water committee in Orleans. They thought perhaps they could share property with us for a waste water plant. Site Committee is taking the step to at least discuss with the Town of Orleans. We have been invited to a meeting between Orleans and Brewster to discuss this week. A lot of potential benefits Should have more to report in March. Carole thinks all these discussions put our needs out there, increases the goodwill and the working relationships with the towns.

Nominating Committee

Barbara read the resumes of three nominees to the Board.

Motion made and seconded to elect Scott Barron to the Board of Trustees for a three year term. Unanimously voted.

Motion made and seconded to elect Chris Wells to the Board of Trustees for a three year term. Unanimously voted.

Motion made and seconded to elect Sarah Turano-Flores to the Board of Trustees for a three year term. Discussion: can Sarah still act as our lawyer as real estate attorney while on the Board. Yes. ***Unanimously voted.***

Public Relations

Admissions coffees most were canceled because most of the kids had already attended the Open Houses so we didn't need to get the word out to them. A review of the coffee. One World Youth Conference will be a big .

Website has been changed over the name: cclighthouseschool.org The more you visit the site the higher it moves us up the Google ladder.

Directors Report

Handout: Director's Report, February 11, 2008. 107 total, compared to 122 last year. 19 siblings. All the Nauset schools are up this year. We didn't do coffees in those towns. Lottery Thursday afternoon at 3:30, they have two weeks to decide. Current site: we have had serious leaks with our roof since December. The building was painted but there kathy has been in touch with our lawyers and the landlords. Ongoing problem. PR Committee looking at the new logo moving forward. Communication to families. Kathy sent home a letter today to families about a student gave a handful of pills to a student on the bus who then consumed them. Thanks to an astute student and bus driver. Two week in house suspension, mother has agreed to get evaluation. It is an opportunity to discuss with kids about. Homeroom teachers discussed with students this afternoon and will be addressed in our Health curriculum. Kathy has been in touch with middle school and bus company. Paul mentioned to his homeroom about the actions of the girl had saved a life and his homeroom burst into applause. Concern about the buses. Potential for harm. Both these students are off the bus for 45 days. Bus driver was so concerned he went to the student's house and called EMTS.

Newsletter sent home to parents which continued project work, tips from students, etc.

Parent Workshops in March led by a parent, March 3, 19, 26 from 6-7:30, all welcome.

Grants: request to Cabot Family Foundation for funding for an after school art program next year, extending and enhancing our art program. David Agnew will teach a media component. MA Cultural Council grant with Cabot matching for a total of \$10,000 a year for two years. Budget: opening for 6th grade teacher and 7th Special Education, may be movement from inside. Will report more in March.

New Business

To think about - how to revive the Foundation; important arm of the school which has lapsed. Has to get back to where it is but they flourish. Annual Appeal needs to get out. Currently Brian Bates and parent Amy Patterson, alum parent Barbara Cardinal are the only members. Has been discussed, one of the issues is what will the focus be, Kathy has brought forward the idea of a

parents group. Several projects must do every year--auction, magazine. Looking for people to serve who might be willing to take on an activity rather than serve on a Board. What is the best approach to address? Put together some talking points for a discussion at the March meeting. Mailing list is mostly parents and alumni parents. Capital campaign itself may require a professional. Volunteers may not be able to handle. We were waiting for a site to kick off the Can we develop a list of names of who does that kind of thing on the Cape, talk to them, ask their opinions on how and when to proceed. Alice Boyd has advised about how to. On the March agenda.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:03. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Recorded by,

Barbara Haines

Marion Lay

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