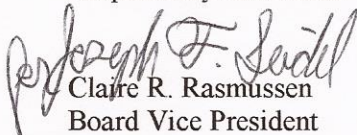


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Minutes of the Board Of Education
April 8, 2015

1. Call Meeting to Order by President Seidel at 5:30 pm
2. Present: Seidel, Rasmussen, Randall, Hunter, Kroon. Apologies: Olach
3. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of:
 - A. Agenda: Motion by Seidel to approve with additions, /2nd by Hunter 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays Approved
 - B. Minutes of Previous Meetings –12 March 2015: Motion by Rasmussen to approve/ 2nd by Hunter 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays Approved
 - C. Financial Report: Discussion. Motion by Seidel to approve the General Appropriation Resolution for the amended Budget April 2015. Support by Rasmussen 5 Ayes / 0 Nays Approved. Motion to approve the March 2015 Checks written report by Seidel / 2nd by Hunter 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays Approved.
4. Correspondence: A letter stating the resignation of Mrs. Shelia Davis from Board Service.
5. Public Comment: Mrs. Davis brought a written statement, read to the Board by Mr. Kroon at her request.
6. School Leader's Report:
 - a. Chicago Trip: High School students will be participating in a cultural visit May 3-5. The itinerary and learning objectives were reviewed. Several April fundraisers are planned to defray expenses.
 - b. EVENTS: Prom is set to be on the Keweenaw Star May 16 and Graduation is reserved at the Castle May 29th. Science Fair set for May 11th. Fundraiser Arts event May 19th at the Library.
 - c. Progress continues to establish Great Start Readiness (GSRP) in our program with a May 1st paperwork deadline. A separate Board and separate budget are required.
 - d. The final print of the Charlevoix Montessori Academy logo was circulated & sign changes discussed.
 - e. Best Practices Update: the last component was completed and the final documentation has been submitted. This submission is expected to provide \$4000 to the school.
 - f. School Name Change Update: Licensing documents are in progress, SVSU has sent the amendment to the MDE (domain cma.edu) and the website/GoogleDrive allows cma.edu email accounts.
 - g. Sailboat / Piano Update: New listings are being prepared for the Sailboat.
 - h. Kiwanis: Ms. Gohs is now a member and will be making a presentation on the school April 30th.
 - i. M-Step: new state testing that has replaced the MEAP. The school is prepared for required testing to start next week continuing through the end of the school year. Ms. Gohs will be attending the Assessment Review in Lansing April 22-23.
 - j. Kindergarten Round-up is April 14 5-7 pm and the High School Open House is April 25, 11-2 pm.
 - k. Planning is underway for 2015-2016 students. The pre-K program is an effective feed thru to 1st grade. 75 students remains as the minimum threshold goal.
 - l. Cell Phone Use: Motion to approve lunch only use of cell phones through the remainder of the school year for students who have signed the form by Rasmussen / 2nd by Kroon. 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays Approved
Motion to approve School Leaders report made by Seidel/ 2nd by Hunter 5 Ayes/0 Nays Approved
7. Committee Reports: A stated grievance was addressed and closed by the Public Liaison Committee.
8. Old Business: Applications for July 1, 2015 open Board of Director terms have been received. Motion to recommend 3 candidates to SVSU by Randall / 2nd by Kroon. 5 Ayes/ 0 Nays Approved
9. New Business: None
10. Public Comments: None
11. Adjournment. Motion by Rasmussen/ 2nd by Hunter 5 Ayes/0 Nays approved 6:24 pm

Respectfully Submitted


Claire R. Rasmussen
Board Vice President