

Greenwood School

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

May 13, 2009

Attendance: Frank Anderson, Brian Chadbourne, Scott Hamilton, Colleen Kane-Dacri, Merel Kennedy, Danica Remy, Patricia Rudd, Robert Schiappacasse, Carl Spitzer, Cynthia Ulman

Absent: de Borah Jones, Peggy Rock, Marcy Summers

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 at Tamalpais Bank's Board room.

1. Minutes

The Chair noted that the faculty members were excused from the meeting because of a simultaneous faculty activity.

The Board approved revisions to minutes of October 29, December 5, January 14, and January 27. These will be posted. April 15 minutes to be distributed and approved electronically.

2. Board Study

Continuing discussion of the role of wonder and gratitude and responsibility in learning and education. The Director noted the role of Waldorf curriculum's use of biography and history study in instilling a sense of responsibility.

3. Announcements

Jaimen MacMillan is visiting GWS today to work with the children and faculty on his spatial dynamics program and make a public presentation.

4. Director's Report

Hiring: GWS has completed main lesson teacher hiring. Next year's 5th grade parents have met the incoming teacher, and next year's 4th grade teacher will meet parents this week.

Financial: The Director updated the Board on current and projected cash flow, including tuition receivables.

The Director presented year-to-date financial projections and reported on the status of GWS marketing work. This project needs Board involvement. Brian Chadbourne and Frank Anderson volunteered to meet with the committee and review project focus and next steps.

Enrollment and Budget: The Director presented enrollment projections for 2009 – 10 and the Board discussed them. The Board reviewed financial scenarios based on enrollment projections. The Board recommended to the Director a financial target for the 2009 – 10 year and reiterated the priority of focusing on providing quality programs and excellent

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academic results for Greenwood School students. The Director will work with the Budget Committee to complete the final budget.

5. Moonlight Auction

Report on results due at next Board meeting. Lisa Layne is facilitating a debriefing process.

6. Site Committee

Brian Chadbourne reported on the continuing work of the Site Committee related to the Buena Vista site and new site investigations.

7. Finance Committee Report

Frank Anderson is working with the Business Manager to develop a high-level, longer-term financial forecast that can provide additional context for planning.

8. Nominating Committee Report

Cynthia Ulman reported that Merel Kennedy, Carl Spitzer, and Brian Chadbourne terms that are up for renewal in 2009. The Nominating Committee recommends their re-election.

CONCORDANT DECISION – Approved. The Board re-elects Merel Kennedy, Brian Chadbourne, and Carl Spitzer to new 3-year terms.

Cynthia Ulman noted that the Board may wish to consider expanding its size. This possibility will be reviewed next fall.

9. Board Community Forum

The Board discussed holding a year-end community forum before the end of school and distributing a report on the state of the school in a letter. There is strong community interest in holding a faculty forum for Fall.

10. Director's Evaluation

The Board discussed the process of the Director's annual evaluation in June and recommended that there be a vehicle to receive community input as part of the evaluation process. The Executive Committee will develop an approach to do this.

11. New Business

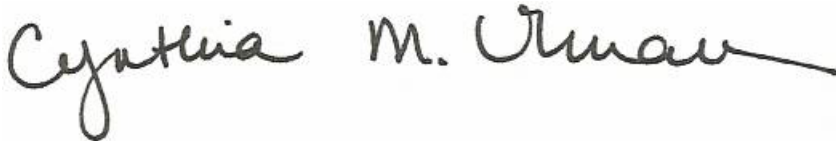
The Board discussed the role of parents in teacher hiring. The Board recommended further dialog on this issue.

The Board discussed scheduling a retreat for fall 2009. Colleen Kane-Dacri will determine Board member availability over the summer and during the fall.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia M. Ulman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Cynthia Ulman
Board Secretary