**THE OPEN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING AGENDA**

**November 10, 2020**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Via ZOOM**

1. Roll Call:

PresentDelilah Passman, Skiy Martin, Shelly McFate, Eric Holt, Christina Hutchison, Kelly Carpenter, Amanda Gribble, Amber Sanchez, Carrie King, Savannah Constock, Erin Norman (parent)

1. Principles of Operation
   1. Listen to Everyone’s Ideas
   2. Include All Who Attend
   3. Wait to Speak; Don’t Interrupt
   4. Focus on the Topic at Hand
   5. Respect Others
   6. Agree to Disagree/Vote
2. Approval of Minutes:

October:

Christina- motion to approve minutes

Eric- seconds

Motion passes

1. Teacher’s Reports
   1. Amber: class is learning about food this week (fruits, veggies, proteins, dairy), bats, small group work introduced for small bits of time in groups of 4 (math, writing, and art rotations M, Th, F); yoga did not occur due to staffing needs. The hope is to start that next week again
   2. Carrie- books, arts, focus on Thanksgiving stuff in the coming week
   3. Laura- no report this week; Savannah reported what is happening- dinosaurs (Week 2), tabletop centers and kids are doing well with, moving into Thanksgiving, counting, identifying numbers
   4. Delilah asked if there was anything they need right now and encouraged teachers to let us know as things come up
2. (Business (Old & New) – combined with Director’s Report
   1. Grant updates: United Way, air purifiers, Cares- Shelly working hard to get grant money. Air purifiers in classrooms now thanks to United Way grant (got those and a year’s replacement worth of filters). Seems to automatically detect things in the air. Commercial size. Cares Act- $50,000- received that. Will help with the lean budget due to less children. More staff this year as opposed to last year. Shelly is continuing to research and apply for grants; has had success with being offered those grants.
   2. COVID policies review- moved to executive session
   3. ODwyers nights- Chooses a charity/non-profit to benefit monthly on Tuesday nights. November was chosen for the Open School and potentially December. They are thankful for what we are doing and this is their way of giving back. Portion of profits go to the Open School.
   4. Early Childhood Transition Group: grant money through the state to make a better transition between Prek and Kindergarten programs. Started in August with brainstorming events and now meetings have happened monthly with directors and programs in town with kindergarten teachers. Last meeting there were presentations from different directors to kindergarten teachers about what was happening in the facilities in town. Tonight will be a presentation from kindergarten teachers about what is happening. The hope is to learn more about expectations from kindergarten teachers to better support students. Hopefully this will promote more open communication about what is happening in the various kindergarten programs in town and maybe offer some alternatives to school tours. Pays a stipend to staff and pays for a national conference opportunity via online this year.
   5. NAEYC conference- online participation this year, thanks to grant received (Addressed in item D)
3. Committee Updates (as needed)
   1. Maintenance Committee – dryer, vent, furnace, snow removal
      1. First big freeze caused pipe to freeze outside of school. Plumber had to come look at it. The spicket (hose bib) rusted out into Shelly’s office. Did not leak into the building. Some pipe was replaced into building. No major damage was caused
      2. New dryer quit working. Electrician called and Lowe’s ended up bringing a new dryer. Electrical breaker issue was what caused it and Fremont fixed that for us.
      3. Inspection from DFS and Fire Department. Some emergency lights needed to be replaced. Fremont fixed that for us.
      4. Other items that need to be done: some painting. Exterior trim paint in spring.
      5. Snow removal- Robert has agreed to do that for us this year, at least at this point
   2. Family/Staff Relations Committee – a girl in Miss Carrie’s class had a grandma pass away; Danielle Petersen’s grandma (Emma) passed away as well.
   3. Fundraising Committee – continue thinking of ideas to help with these efforts.
      1. Popcorn – due 16th in person, 30th delivery
         1. Popcorn up and going
         2. Online orders available until 30th
      2. Online auction – ends 21st
         1. Online auction looks AMAZING!
         2. Keep sharing that information and the link for this
4. Strategic Planning Committee
5. Parent Communication:  
   Erin Norman spoke to the Open School Teachers, Director, and Board. Concerns about new facemask requirement needing to be worn outside. Cited WHO, CDC, and WDH as stating that young children should not be wearing masks during outside active play. WHO states that children under the age of 5 are not supposed to be wearing masks. CDC states should not wear masks if they are wet and concerns about the masks getting wet with the colder temperature was expressed. Did express appreciation about the supports staff are providing to her child.
6. Closure/Identify Follow-up Tasks – Savannah and Erin were dismissed through executive session.
7. Exec Session-

***NEXT MEETINGS:***

***Regular Board Meeting December 8, 2020***