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Meeting Minutes

Voting Members:
1. James Gerdts (Chairperson) – present
2. Kendall Hageman (Vice Chairperson) – present
3. Tom Miller (Secretary) – present
4. Mike Fields (Treasurer) – present
5. Bob Kingery – present
6. Anne Franklin – present
7. Keely Byars-Nichols – present
8. Brooke Somers (PTO President) – present
9. Alfred Mays – present
10. Cal Cunningham – present

Non-Voting Members:
11. Summer Clayton (Executive Director) – present
12. Ann-Marie Taranto (Faculty Representative) – present
13. Candice Robinson (Amanuensis) – present

I. Call to Order & Welcome
   a. Board Chair James Gerdts called the meeting to order at 4:35pm

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda
   a. Motion: Remove Job Description for Executive Director from Agenda
   b. Vote: Unanimous, Motion: Approved

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
   a. Motion: Approve the minutes from the December 1, 2015 Meeting with changes.
      i. Vote: Unanimous, Motion: Approved

IV. Reports – 15 to 20 minutes excluding Committee Reports
   a. President’s Report
      i. Nothing to report
   b. Vice-President’s Report
      i. Nothing to Report
   c. Treasurer’s Report
      i. Nothing to Report
   d. Secretary’s Report
      i. Send information and reports by January 19, 2016 in order to get out and added to January 26, 2016 agenda
e. Executive Director’s Report
   i. Brief Review of Charter School Renewal Self-Study
      1. Refer to hand-out of summary
      2. Next step in the process is a Site visit in May 2016
 ii. 2016-2017 Academic Calendar
      1. Motion (Cal) Second (Mike): Approve the proposed 2016-2017
         Academic Calendar as presented
         a. Vote: Unanimous, Motion: Approved
 f. Faculty Representative’s Report
   i. School is approaching the end of the 2nd Trimester. 7th Grade is going to be doing
      a display on the First Friday (January 8, 2016) on Immigration Expedition. 2/3
      Team is going to be doing a display on the First Friday (January 8, 2016) on
      their latest expedition.
 g. PTO President’s Report
   i. Winter Thanks was completed for staff. Brainstorming for purchasing supplies
      through school with a donation to students that cannot afford. Teacher
      Appreciation week is currently being worked on.
 h. Committee Reports
   i. Executive (Kendall Hageman)
      1. Met over the holiday break to include Mike, Tom, Kendall, and James.
         Discussion resolved around how to support Executive Director priorities
         and the Strategic Plan through a calendar.
      2. Working on making Board meetings more efficient by providing
         materials a minimum of 1 week prior to the monthly meeting.
   ii. Facilities Development (Bob Kingery)
      1. Elementary School Campus Lease
         a. Motion (Cal) Second (Mike): Approve a lease extension for the
            elementary school for one year for $4,500.00 per month
         i. Vote: Unanimous; Motion: Approved
      2. Property Contract Discussion
         a. Moved to Closed Session (relation to purchase of lease
            extension)
         b. Motion (Bob) Second (Tom): Approve $20K additional earnest
            money to extend the closing date to March 2016 and the total
            funds ($70K) would be non-refundable
         i. Motion: Unanimous; Motion: Approved
   iii. Governance (Tom Miller)
      1. Political Activity Policy
         a. Motion (Tom) Second (Bob): Original language with Part 3
            (State Law Limitation on Political Activity) added to approve
         i. Motion: 5 (yes), 5 (no); Motion: Failed
         ii. 2nd Motion (Cal) Second (Anne): Accept the full
             revision of the 3rd draft to approve
1. **Motion (Cal):** Table the motion to January 26, 2015 meeting to allow staff to review and provide feedback to the political activity policy.

2. **Organization Retreat:** Tom Miller will send a feedback request to the board for potential dates and topics to discuss at the 2016 retreat.

   iv. Educational Excellence (Anne Franklin)

   v. Communications, Advocacy, and Marketing (Alfred Mays)

   1. Request to have a new Chair for the committee that is familiar with school and integrated in the school/parent volunteers

   2. Aimee Rodriguez and Loren Kent are additional members to the CAM committee

   vi. Finance (Mike Fields)

   1. **Budget Review**
      a. Circulate a revised 15-16 Budget with commentary of changes from previously approved and proposed budget. Audit will be reviewed at January 26, 2016 meeting.

   2. **Contract for CapDev**
      a. **Motion (Mike) Second (Cal):** Approve extension to the contract from January 2016 to May 2016 for $30,000 to include contract price of $28,500 and incidental expenses

         i. **Vote:** Unanimous, Motion approved

V. Unfinished Business
   a. None

VI. New Business
   a. None

VII. Public Comment
   a. None

VIII. Upcoming Agenda
   a. Financial Audit Review with TJT
   b. Policy (draft) for Receiving Gifts
   c. Revised 2015-2016 Budget
   d. Personnel matters
   e. Renewal of Real Estate Agent Contract
   f. Political Activity Policy

IX. Adjourn
   a. James Gerdts adjourned the meeting at 6:44pm