

Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, March 22, 2010
Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Members present: Heidi Schmidt, Bill Bogdanovich, Josh Stewart, Kathie Grenon, Marion Hobbs, Kathy McNamara, Carole Ridley, Norm Michaud, Chris Wells Absent: Lori LaBarge, Diane Titcomb, Bob Dwyer, Scott Barron, Stefanie Fournier, Allison Graham. Public: Paul Niles

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to suspend the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session to consider matters pertaining to the purchase of real property. Regular meeting resumed at 6:20 p.m.

Public Forum: No report.

Approval of Minutes: Motions were made by Kathie Grenon and seconded by Bill Bogdanovich to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2010 Regular Meeting and Executive Session. The Minutes for both meeting were approved, with Norm Michaud, Carole Ridley and Kathy McNamara abstaining.

Director's Report: Kathy reported that the incoming 6th grade is full. MCAS exams start on March 23rd. The parent association will meet on March 24th. A breakfast for faculty/staff/trustees is scheduled for April 16th. The second annual film festival will also take place that day.

Academic Affairs: This new committee is presently comprised of Norm, Kathy, Heidi and Paul. Norm reported that the committee will initially focus on accountability, issues cited in the Charter review and response strategies. This will be an on-going committee. Paul added that response to issues raised by the Charter review is already underway. The committee is working across subject areas. Paul noted that some seminars need to “add teeth.” He further added that internal and secondary assessment systems seem to be a common focus during charter school site visits.

Finance Committee: Kathie Grenon, in Stefanie's absence, reported that the numbers look about the same as last month. The Finance Committee recommends reinstating the 2% salary reductions through March 31, 2010. Finances appear to be on track for faculty increases next year.

Capital Campaign: Carole reported that the committee met the prior week, after a break, which was due to uncertainty about a site. An RFP has been completed for a consultant to conduct a feasibility study for a capital campaign. The campaign target is two million dollars. The committee has developed a list of possible fundraising firms and individuals.

Chair's Report: Heidi reminded everyone that the Director evaluation will take place in April and to watch for survey forms.

Faculty Report: Josh reported that the spring musical "Into the Woods" was a huge hit and that everyone did a fantastic job. Roots & Shoots club will participate in a sustainability fair at the Museum of Natural History, in conjunction with other organizations. Mid-year exams for eighth graders have taken place. The seventh grade will go on an overnight trip to the Boston Museum of Science. The National Junior Honor Society Induction has taken place. The select chorus will perform with the Chatham Chorale. Tom Conrad, Nauset Regional High School principal has visited the eighth grade. The mock trial team will meet Nauset Middle School. The second annual film fest will take place on April 16th. The topic is "Be the Change." Daniella Garran had an article published in the Tufts magazine regarding the Cornerstone Project. Spring seminars will start in April.

New Business: None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Norm; seconded by Kathie; and approved by all.

The meeting ended at 6:42.

Respectively submitted

Marion Hobbs, for Diane Titcomb, Clerk