

Polaris Charter School
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
11-19-14

In attendance: Kate, Dellie, Mike, Liz, Jen and Kris. Guests: Michelle and Camila.

Kate called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and then read the mission.

Camila spoke about the bollards during the public comment. She felt good about the presentation to the city. An engineer will develop the plans. The plans will be presented to the City Alderman. The ultimate plan is to put the bollards on our property. We have asked the city for no parking signs. Kate would like school zone signs placed around the school. It is estimated that we'll need 10 bollards at \$800 each with a 10% discount. \$7200. The goal is to have them in place asap.

We were not able to vote on the October minutes as we did not have a quorum.

Liz presented the Director's Report. There is an opening in the intermediate class. There will be two openings after Thanksgiving. New Mornings no longer runs the after school program. Liz investigated other options and settled on the Y's program. It will begin on Dec. 1st. A new art teacher was hired. A letter will be returned as part of an audit. Jen reached out to families of free and reduced lunches for information. She also updated the handbook, sent it out and put it on the website. Sarah and Mike are working on updating the library. The sewer is still not working correctly. The fittings were found to be outdated. Kate will look into SCORE, a company that offers business advice, about the issue. Liz also presented an income statement, balance sheet and a budget update.

Kate suggested the board offer seats to a student and a teacher as non-voting members. She would like all stake-holders represented. She also stated the charter may have to be amended to say Tri-Director instead of Director. Mike offered to look into other charter schools' leadership models. We'll copy what others are doing so as not to reinvent the wheel.

Board members must sign a conflict of interest policy.

Keyboards are needed for iPads for the Smarter Balance test. Laptops are recommended.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec 16th at 6 p.m.