

## Park City Prep Charter School

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## Board of Directors Meeting -November 10, 2010

## **Minutes**

- Meeting called to order at 6:07.
- Attendance:
  - o Excused: Tiffany Johnson, Vince Galasso, Alonda Powell-Johnson
  - o Absent: Warren Blunt
  - o Present: Jillian Pace, John Bryk, Bruce Ravage, Tanya Hughes
- Public Session No members of the public members
- The minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting of November 11, 2010 were approved unanimously.
- Financial Report The finance committee reported that it had reviewed the bank statements and financial reports and found that everything was in order.
- Director's update
  - o Building Search
    - 880 Broad St.
      - Offer made (lower than asked for)
      - Ideal space and location, but too high of a price
      - The possibility of buying the building, rather than leasing, was raised. Bruce will ask follow-up questions.
    - 1550 State St.
      - Bruce has met numerous times with the owners.
      - Safety-related questions (narrow stairwells in case of emergency) remain.
      - Waiting for Zoning and Planning Commission to approve its use as a school.
      - A number of safety and other concerns remain and would have to be addressed before proceeding further.

- o Policy Manual
  - Sent up to CABE for review, awaiting response.
  - The Policy Committee will present the final version to the full Board for their approval.
- o Returning Staff We are fully staffed as those who were on child care leaves have returned.
- o Charter Renewal
  - Board members should be there when members of the State Department of Education are there for the renewal visit, scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>, with Feb 17 as a snow date.
  - The State will be assessing the Board's oversight of the school.
- Student Performance Comparatively, we are holding our own and making substantial progress. Most important is that our students are making steady improvement over the course of their stay at our school.
- o High School Admissions -
  - Most of our grade 8 students have applied to one or more selective private or public choice high schools.
  - Working on appealing for funding for students who earn admission to private schools but do not receive sufficient financial aid to afford to attend.

## Old Business

- o Question about "in kind services" answered through e-mail.
- New IT services
  - Current IT service provider has been unsatisfactory in meeting our needs.
  - Researching new providers:
    - ICS-CT, LLC works with New Beginnings.
    - Business Network is also impressive.
    - CMIT has been recommended by Bruce.
- New parents association
  - The new parent association is up and running.
  - Tanya suggested that parents can do things to bring grades (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>) together off-site, since there isn't enough space for them to meet, all together, during the day.
  - Local theaters and other venues are looking for business, so if we bring someone in and sell our own tickets, they might be interested in simply taking a percentage.

Next meeting Jan 26<sup>th</sup> unless called to meet earlier regarding policy manual.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jillian Pace, Co-Teacher Representative