

Minutes of The Greenspire School
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
October 19th, 2015
Unapproved

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** President Kurt Sanford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Math Commons area. Present: Kurt Sanford, Tara Ward, Raymond Minervini, Blythe Skarshaug, Gina Aranki.

- II. **Changes or Additions to Agenda:** Sanford would like to add discussion of board committees, structure of committees, and formation of executive committee. Added under discussion item e) governance and f) executive committee responsibility.

- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Ward , second by Skarshaug , voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- IV. **Public Comment:** None

- V. **Recognitions:** None

- VI. **Board Correspondence:** Will discuss under discussion item d.

- VII. **Presentations:** None

- VIII. **Reports:**
 - a. Head of School and Superintendent's Report: Kelly reviewed enrollment on count day of 100 students, good report of LOC, raised over \$10,000 at Harvest Festival, audit report at next month's meeting.
 - b. President's Report - Sanford mentioned how nice the Harvest Festival was, possibility of new venue in the future. Board retreat is on November 20th, 8-4 pm, please keep date open.
 - c. Treasurer's Report - Sanford reviewed Treasurer's Report.
 - d. Committee Reports
 - i. Finance- Did not meet
 - ii. Facilities - Did not meet. Kelly mentioned solar panels keep getting delayed. Sanford will contact. Meeting next Monday with Garfield township regarding adding additional land to school property.
 - iii. Grants - Aranki reported we have not received letter from Rotary Sunrise. We have three to four students with Grand Traverse Band, which should help with grant request in December.
 - iv. Advancement - Aranki shared that the Harvest Dinner was successful, \$10,653 was raised.
 - v. Family/Teacher Council - Ward reviewed minutes of meeting.
 - vi. Personnel - Skarshaug reported the committee came up with a Board Nomination Process.
 - vii. Curriculum - Inactive.
 - viii. Board Nominations - Inactive

- IX. **Discussion Items:**
 - a. Board Nominations and Process - Skarshaug read the process that the personnel committee created. Ward, Sanford, and Skarshaug discussed. Kelly reviewed interested

candidates for the board; Andy Gale, Megan Batdorf, Yvette Ringsmuth, Stephanie Slawnick, Shawn Collick, Tim Bell, James Richardson, Paula McIntyre, and Megan Olds. Sanford mentioned Matt Matthius, Ward mentioned Mimi Appelle.

b. Board Strategic Planning - Kelly reported continued discussion with Michigan Leadership Institute for the board meeting on November 20th, 8-4 pm, with a working lunch.

c. Spring 8th Grade Trip - Kelly reported on wanting to keep the eighth grade end of year field trip and wanted board feedback.

d. School Use by the Public - Kelly reported a parent concern about the school's interaction with the public at large. Board discussed, feels that the facilities committee should come up a checklist or form for decision making.

e. Governance- Sanford started discussion of combining finance and facilities, advancement and grants, and turn personnel into an ad hoc committee that meets when necessary. After discussion, decided to leave it up to each committee, which will try to cancel far enough in advance to let all attendees and public know. Sanford also brought up having board meetings every month, July and December are easy to miss. Seven or eight board meetings during the year. Aranki replied that seven or eight may be too thin, maybe ten is good, likes the idea of a monthly check in, even if it is a short meeting.

X. **Action Items:** None

XI. **Consent Agenda:** None

XII. **Public Comment:** Community member and parent, Amy Colligan, expressed concern to the board over visitors to the school.

XIII. **Adjournment:** Sanford adjourns meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Eric Breithaupt
Recording Secretary