

Breakthrough Board Minutes
2/13/2020

Attendance:

Keith Whitescarver, Chair
Sara Suchman, Secretary
Katie Brown
Emily Hedin
Chris Lohse
Bonnie Gallion
David Bagnoli
Michael Bing, Treasurer
Vivek Swaminathan
Hannah Richardson
Drew--EdOps

Parents present:

Emily Raskin
Bethany Vanderhoff
Rebecca Bonhomme
Shawn Terrell

5:00 Call to order

Opening Votes

A. Vote to approve October minutes: Unanimous

B. Reviewed financial policies. Katie Brown moved to approve; Michael seconded. Unanimous approval.

Open Period

A parent brought to attention the DCPCSB recess guidance policy of 60 minutes and voiced concern that students were not getting this full allotment every day.

Hannah Richardson clarified that school policy is 45 min for lunch and 75 minutes of outdoor time. Hannah will remind teachers of this, remind them that recess is to be active, and work with the admin team to address active options (as included in DCPCSB guidebook) on inclement days.

Reviewing ED's Report

Both finances and enrollment are looking strong for this point in the year. 88 days of cash on hand (60 is the minimum expected by DCPCSB).

Director of Curriculum and Assessment

2 of 3 annual assessment periods completed and awaiting results.

1. PMF waiting is changing a bit, so this may change our end results from last year. We should be in a fine place and no renewal concerns.
2. Average PMF score of 40 over the past 3 years for renewal.

New Business:

1. Playground update and decision:
 - a. Early Space is designing the playground.
 - b. New design has the proposal to level out the space in the driveway. More can be fit in if it's level than on a slope.
 - c. Landlord has approved plan, civil and structural engineers have looked into permits.
 - d. Could begin construction on March 1 with board approval for budget.
 - e. David Bagnoli to talk with engineers and Early Space before board approval:
 - i. Drainage
 - ii. Strength of foundation wall to hold the stress.
 - iii. Insurance in case it doesn't work.

Total cost of new plan surpasses 300K, and school needs to keep in mind meeting requirements for favorable terms on the loan for the 2nd floor. Emily will take the plan back to the family committee to revise plan to a lower price point and work with Finance Committee.

2. Contract with NCMPS--DCPCSB requires that Board consider any contract that may benefit a Board member. NCMPS's contract falls into this category.
 - a. Relationship between NCMPS and Breakthrough is baked into charter proposal.
 - b. Board members who work with NCMPS recuse themselves from the vote.

Motion: The board endorses the continued involvement of NCMPS and perceives no conflict of interest in contracts not to exceed a total of \$25,000. Over \$25,000 should come back to the board for discussion.

Vote to be taken online due to lack of quorum at this point in the meeting.

3. Payscale--School is working with EdOps towards a transparent payroll and hopes to have that ready for contract season. Agreement that this is not a Board issue. We will approve overall budget, but not line item salaries within it.

Motion to adjourn by Vivek. Emily seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.