

Augsburg Fairview Academy

Minutes for Board Meeting

February 18, 2011

Members Present: Sue Hageness, Laura Beeth, Louis Smith, Heidi Anderson, Ron Bentley, Jess Niemand, Anne Kaufman, Lori Walz, Bart Johnson

Ex Officio: Bill Spira, Executive Director

Guests: Kim Wolfe, teacher; Jill Moline, School Business Solutions

1. Dr. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.
2. VOTED to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2011 meeting.
3. Financial Report
 1. Ms. Moline reviewed the financial report from February, 2011, and reported that the budget remains balanced, that cash flow projections looked good through the end of the fiscal year, and that the sale of receivables to Charter School Capital continues to proceed successfully.
 2. Ms. Anderson presented the Treasurer's review of disbursements for February (checking account, credit card, payroll) and reported no issues.
3. Executive Director's Report
 1. Dr. Spira reviewed the status of state funding for FY2012 and suggested that the legislature is not likely to make major changes in K-12 funding for the coming year, though several months remain before the biennial budget will be approved.
 2. Enrollment has been growing consistently since early October and currently stands at 140.
 3. School Business Solutions has raised a question about the Academy's practice of student recruitment payments because it is somewhat unusual. It was suggested that the school document its reasons and practices carefully in case the issue is raised in next year's audit.
 4. Dr. Spira formally submitted his draft annual report to the board and briefly summarized its contents:
 1. The framework of the report is built on the key, strategic elements developed by Jim Collins in his books: *Good to Great* and *Built to Last*.
 2. The strategic focus of the report is on what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done to meet the needs of AFA students so that they succeed in earning a diploma and being college-ready when they graduate.
 3. The report emphasizes AFA's unique commitment both to developing future health care-givers and to being a school that doesn't select against teens with emotional problems and problematic behaviors.
 4. Board Discussion of Executive Director's draft annual report.
 1. Ms. Beeth asked whether the CFT was a viable program for the future.
 2. Ms. Anderson asked for more clarification on the Connections program.

3. Mr. Smith asked about options for students in need of psycho-social support.
 4. Ms. Anderson asserted that recruitment should be developed so that new students are here at the beginning of the year. Specifically, new students constantly coming into CFT during the semester tend to disrupt the flow of classes.
 5. Mr. Johnson discussed the need for the school to provide academic activities on Fridays and the need for a formal discipline/behavior plan for disruptive students, truancy, etc.
 6. Ms. Beeth discussed how Augsburg College and Fairview Health Service could help AFA. Mr. Johnson noted two areas of need: alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) and psychological assessment.
 7. Ms. Wolfe asked for clarification concerning the roles of the Executive Director, the Partnership, and the Board in the decision making process at AFA.
4. Inside Directors' Report – The following issues were briefly presented
 1. Protocol for discussing grievances
 2. Board scheduling
 3. Charter school day at the Capital
 4. Nutrition Family Night
 5. Mayor's luncheon
 6. New music teacher hired: Ms. Shekela Wanyama
 7. Second round of Response-To-Intervention tutoring began in February
 8. First semester grades were sent out during the last week of January
 9. Students will have the opportunity to re-take GRAD tests several times during spring semester
 10. Three AFA students went to the regional competitions of Poetry Out Loud, with one being chosen to continue on to the state competition.
 5. Board Actions
 1. VOTED to create a committee to discuss grievance procedures, comprising Mr. Johnson, Ms. Wolfe, Ms. Walz, Dr. Spira, Mr. Bentley, and Mr. Smith.
 2. Date of next meeting confirmed as March 18, 2011.
 6. Announcements
 1. Ms. Beeth reported that the Jobs Fair at the Coyle Center was successful.
 2. Ms. Beeth reported that scholarships for summer Scrubs camp are available.
 3. Ms. Beeth mentioned the desire of Fairview Health Service to develop some form of celebration for AFA's goals and suggested that we begin to discuss needs and plans
 7. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Secretary: Bart Johnson