

**Mead School Charter Governing Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 21, 2011**  
**4:20 pm – 6:01 pm**

**Board Members:**

*Present* – Margie Dorshorst, Diane O'Connor, Zach Vruwink, Michele Mathiesen, Sue Schill, Mary Walton

*Absent* –Carole Pfahning, Lisa Wendt

- I. Call to Order
  - Meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm
  
- II. Secretary's Report
  - Mary made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Sue seconded the motion and it was passed.
  
- III. Board Development
  - Diane shared information from the Community Foundation workshop on "Getting Governance Right in a Challenging Economy." Discussed focusing on the things that we do have control over, not what we are unable to affect or to lament over what we are unable to control. Discussion was also held on autonomy regarding this issue.
  
- IV. Administrator's Report
  - Academic Update: WKCE results are in but not released yet.
  - Budget Update: Sue made a motion to approve the budget report as presented. Diane seconded the motion and it was passed.
  - Planning for sustaining efforts without grant funds: Brief discussion was held with no action determined at this time.
  - AmeriCorps Grant: Applications are due April 1. Discussion was held regarding the need of the school and the funding repercussions. Diane made a motion to approve the application for 3 AmeriCorps workers for next year, which will be funded by grants. Zach seconded the motion and it was passed.
  
- V. Old Business
  - Plan for strategic planning: Hold off until after charter school conference
  - Discussion was held regarding the Charter Contract language that needs to be changed. It was suggested to change "K-6" to "K-5" everywhere it appears in the contract and to create a task force to find 2 or 3 possible solutions for the changes that need to be made to Section 5.8 on Page 9 regarding the SAGE requirements and bring it to the Governing Council for discussion. Sue and Zach volunteered to work on this project with an open invite to anybody that is interested or able to help.
  - Discussion was held on the upcoming changes with the Governing Council members. Suggestions included creating a task force or committee to recruit new members and working with the Community Foundation resources. Action: Diane will contact the Community Foundation to inform them of our future needs of interested community members on the Council.

VI. Future Agenda Items

- Develop a list of specifics of what we need Danny Goldberg to do for us.
- Governing Council mission statement.
- Review the bylaws with respect to the communication devices and resources approved in the bylaws.

VII. Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:15-5:45 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Minutes submitted by acting Secretary, Michele Mathiesen