

SIA Board Meeting

September 26, 2016

Board Members in Attendance: Cal Larson, Anne Cowles, Kammi Mencke-Smith, Toby Carlson, Stacy Hill, Matt Hoag and Ken Vorhees

Approval for the June Meeting: moved by Anne and approved by Toby.

Travis gave an enrollment update: 263 – full K-2, 6th at 65 and 7th at 54.

Sam Song offered to do an exit interview for any families who leave the school.

Travis reviewed the legal definition of “at-risk” and introduced the idea of offering preferential enrollment to students whose native language is not English

Updates

Hiring for 2017-2018 will begin in November

New clubs have started (XC, Chess, Spanish, Math)

Student council elections

6th graders left for OPI today

Josh Halsey, WA State Charter School Commission visited last week. Josh was very complimentary toward the climate of the building.

Facilities – the NWC option isn’t solidified. The finance committee will take one more meeting to see if it’s an option for next year. It looks like it will be probable that SIA will be on two campuses next year.

Budget – We are currently transitioning from EdTec to ESD as the back office provider

Discussion on revenue projections. Variable as the rental expenses are unknown yet. Growth grant from WA Charters is \$2500 per FTE is in the budget. \$1500 per FTE for FY 18. No CSP grant updates at this time.

Travis broadcasted his goals for the school year. Decision was made to review them outside the meeting and send comments to the board chair. Of note, was Travis participating in a committee to work alongside the US Dept. of Education in global competence.

High school expansion—informal survey of the 6th grade families said that most wanted a high school. Shared that a group met this summer to explore the high school options. WA Charters can support a school leader for 17-18 to have a planning year. Pros/Cons – pro is that we have a great school leader in mind. Cons are that we are still building out our current program. Open fall 2018-2019. SPS is supportive of a high school expansion. Students can take advantage of programs at their neighborhood school. Discussion about building out the numbers for three years to look at the feasibility of opening a high school. Debbie suggested surveying the current families to see if they are interested in sending their students to an SIA high school. Kammi made a motion to support Travis in continuing the high school dialogue and exploration. Cal seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11.