



# Cold Spring School

# Minutes

**Board Meeting** 

Date and Time Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 5:30 PM

**Directors Present** B. Albano

Directors Absent
None

**Guests Present** C. Bruns

## I. Opening Items

## A. Record Attendance

## B. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Albano called a meeting of the board of directors of Cold Spring School to order on Tuesday Aug 15, 2017 at 5:38 PM.

A regular meeting of the Cold Spring School (CSS) board was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 in the CSS conference room. Presiding officer was Mr. Bob Albano, Board Chair.

Members present were: Bob Albano, Chris Gerrity, Cheryl Hertzer, Kelly Payne, and Tonya Tudor.

Member Steve Downing was absent.

Members Janice Hicks-Slaughter and Leroy Robinson joined the meeting at 5:39pm

CSS Principal Carrie Bruns, Assistant Principal Tom Hakim, and new Elementary Dean A.J. Barcode attended the meeting until 6:17pm

Mr. Brian D. Anderson from Options in Education Foundation attended the first 15 minutes of the meeting.

No community members attended or signed in to provide input.

#### C. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 06-07-17. The motion carried with 5 ayes and no nays. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Introduction of new Dean

Mr. AJ Barcome, new Elementary Dean of CSS was welcomed. Mr. Barcome completed an MBA in Education Leadership with the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Program at University of Indianapolis.

#### **B.** Financial Report

Mr. Brian D. Anderson from Options in Education Foundation was introduced to the bard. Mr. Anderson was contracted through the Foundation to provide financial services to Cold Spring School, Inc. During the 2017-2018 school year. Services with INI have been discontinued. Mr. Anderson will provide financial reports starting with the September 20, 2017 meeting. Mrs. Anderson excused himself from the meeting at 5:54pm after providing an overview of the services that he will provide.

#### C. Staffing Plan

Mrs. Bruns provided a staffing report to the Board. All positions have been filled.

#### D. Principal's Report

Mrs. Bruns updated the board on the status of CSS:

• Grades K-2 have new reading and mathematics curricula this year.

- NWEA will be used to determine benchmarks for grades K-2 instead of DIBELS.
- Grades 3,4, and 5 have new mathematics curricula and will continue using NWEA.
- CSS data committee is preparing a school improvement plan for 2017 through 2019. School Improvement Plan will be presented to CSS Board at September meeting.
- CSS will focus on social-emotional learning starting fall 2017. SPED teachers will use MTSS process.
- Master Schedule was built to provide extra support to students who need it most. Copy of Master Schedule was shared with Board.
- CSS will hae a full-time Playworks Coach. Position funded by Title II.
- Coach facilitates recess by organizing games and teaching students how to interact appropriately.
- Coach will train older students in facilitating games with younger students. Improved behavior at recess has already been noted by teachers and school leaders.
- Mr. Leroy Robinson left the meeting at 6:03pm
  - A MakerSpace has been developed in Allen House; MU completed the repairs; an office on the 2nd floor will be provided to the Maker Youth Foundation; the allocation for creation of the MakerSpace was spent; Mrs. Bruns requested more funding for purchase of a promethean board and classroom set of iPads; Mr. Gerrity will check the security at Allen House.
  - CSS board will meet in Allen House in September to see the new technology and renovations to the building.
  - CSS financial records will be audited the week of August 28.
  - CSS promotional video is almost completed.
  - Additional funding was requested to film the maker space and ActivPanel

Motion to approve an additional amount of funding up to \$20,000 for purchasing a Promethean ActivPanel and a classroom set of iPads and additional insurance as necessary for this equipment.

The motion was seconded and was approved with 5 ayes and no nays. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **III. Board Member-Points of Interest**

#### A. Board President Update

CSS Board will review the promotional video at the October 18 meeting.

Mrs. Bruns excused herself from the meeting at 6:17pm. Mr. Hakim and Mr. Barcome also left the meeting.

Mr. Albano informed the Board that meetings during the 2017-2018 year will begin at 5:30pm.

### B. Principal Evaluation 2016-2017

The Board discussed the CSS principal evaluation.

## **IV. Closing Items**

## A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, C. Bruns Motion to adjourn was made an seconded. The motion passed with 5 ayes and no nays. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm by Mr. Bob Albano, Chair.

Recorded by: Cheryl A. Hertzer Reviewed and Submitted by: Cheryl A. Hertzer