

## **School Board Meeting**

September 26<sup>th</sup> 2013

Roll Call

Stephanie Colson, DeAnn Williams, Susie Scherer Kammi Pyles, Kami Orr. Jim Miller; late arrival.

Excused: Jason Haskell

### **Consent Agenda**

Adopt agenda, approve September 5<sup>th</sup> minutes, Director's report. DeAnn Williams motioned to adopt consent agenda, second Kammi Pyles; unanimous.

### **Discuss Board Openings/Bylaws**

Stephanie Colson pointed out that bylaws state we can have a 5-7 person board and therefore do not need to fill all the vacancies upcoming on the board. Elections/appointments need to be done in the month of October.

### **Meeting with James Montgomery – potential board candidate**

James briefly introduced himself. He currently holds two jobs and is also in college. He has two children in the school and will eventually have four. He would like to be more involved in his children's education. He has served on the school land trust board previously. He also serves on his HOA board.

### **Discussion and Vote: Amend charter to make all board positions appointed**

A lot of people are not interested in serving on the board but do not want to go through the election process.

Jim Miller discussed having at least one member of the board be a 'member at large' or a person not involved directly in our charter school but rather is from the community. This could be a business professional of some kind.

DeAnn pointed out that lately there have not been enough people to run for positions and hold an election.

Stephanie said that each year possible board members should be considered and discussed by the board before the actual elections in October.

Jim Miller motioned to change the bylaws to appoint board members with one seat at large with the board consisting of 5-7 members. Second DeAnn Williams; unanimous.

### **Meeting with Susie Basset – potential board candidate**

Susie introduced herself. She has three children at the Ranches Academy and has served on the FSO board as well as other volunteer capacities. Susie has had children in the school since it opened in 2004.

The school board will meet October 29<sup>th</sup> to make appointments of new board members. The new board members will be appointed at the beginning of the meeting so they may conduct business immediately.

## **School Land Trust**

School Land Trust laws have been amended so that charter schools get an equal amount of money as district schools. This will increase School Land Trust funding for charter schools.

Susie Scherer reviewed last year's school land trust plan and execution. The funds were spent as planned with \$12,000 going to iPads for younger grades and \$6,000 to YPP. The Ranches Academy surpassed proficiency goals from last year.

With this year's funds, the school would address the areas of science and writing.

School Board will have Susie Scherer prepare a full plan for the 2013-2014 school year in writing for further review.

### **Closed Session**

Jim Miller motioned for a closed session, second Kami Orr; unanimous.

DeAnn Williams motions to move to open session, second Kami Orr; unanimous.

### **Adjournment**

Kami Orr motioned to adjourn, second Jim Miller; unanimous.