

Syracuse Arts Academy Work Session Minutes February 7, 2008



Place: Syracuse Arts Academy, 2893 W. 1700 S., Syracuse

PRESENT: Dave Hall, Andrea Larkin, Jan Whimpey, Michelle Gibby

Guests: Catina Martinez-Hadley (Academica West), Gavin Hutchinson (Academica West) and Shirley Bowhuis

The purpose of Syracuse Arts Academy is to develop respectful, confident citizens in a solid educational environment enriched by artistic expression.

AGENDA

5:00 PM – Call to Order – Dave Hall

BUSINESS ITEMS (To be Voted Upon During Board Meeting):

- ❖ Audit Report – Gavin and Schmitt Griffith Smith – The auditors were unable to make it because of an illness. This audit report will be presented at the next Board meeting. Ryan Arrington and Ken Jeppeson from Schmitt Griffith Smith presented the audit report to the Board.
- ❖ Electronic Meeting Policy – Jan – Jan described the policy and the requirement for having a formally designated anchor location for the public to attend.
- ❖ Uniform Policy Amendment regarding hoodies – Michelle – Jan passed out her recommended amendment to the policy. Michelle asked what the issues were regarding hoodies. (Jan) Hoodies do not replace the shirt requirement but are used for staying warm. Jan expects hoodies to be seasonal. The Board decided that it was an enforcement issue rather than a change in policy issue.

REPORTS:

- Principal Report – Jan
 - School Lands Trust – Committee has been formed and has met twice so far. The committee sent a survey out to teachers asking what programs/supplies/tools would help them with student academic needs. Jan is putting together a budget for the committee. Supplies will be for literacy, math, the arts and technology.
 - John Bucher signed the Tuition Reimbursement agreement.
 - Staff would like to create a policy for extracurricular activities funded out of the school budget.
 - The day with an author went very well.
 - Jan asked that the Board consider increasing the budget for Professional Development.
 - Jan distributed a student academic performance report.
 - State of the School Address – Jan passed out a report.
- Parent Organization – Michelle – Choir concert took place and was successful. Students are rehearsing for the school play. There will not be a second book fair this year. Fundraising rep has been working on the Box Tops program and Smith's school fundraiser. School will be doing dollar cuts haircuts as a fundraiser as well. Andrea suggested that the school register for the Target fundraiser.

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- Board Report - David
 - Budget Update – David went over the budget with the Board.
 - Open House for School Structure – The Board, POEC and teachers will have a special meeting on March 6th to discuss the open house.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (For Discussion Only):

- School calendar for 2008-09 school year (Jan) – Will follow the Davis School District. A draft has been completed but details still need to be finalized.
- Board calendar for 2008-09 school year (Catina) – Catina distributed the tentative calendar.
- Discussion of Shirley Bowhuis' Board responsibilities (Dave) – Shirley understood that she would focus on fundraising efforts and organization of events. Dave expressed that the Board's expectations were that Shirley would bring in corporate donors rather than focusing on fundraising. [Shirley excused herself from the rest of the meeting due to another obligation].
- General Fundraising Efforts (Dave) – The POEC will be responsible for all general fund raising.
- Improved collaboration between teachers and parents (Dave)
- Sound System (Michelle) – Has already been purchased and delivered.
- Safe Schools Policy (Jan) – Jan passed out a safe schools policy that included procedures for special ed students and would like for the Board to consider it for adoption.
- Andrea thanked Jan for the awards ceremony for the honor students. She told Jan that she did a wonderful job.

ADJOURN: 6:20 PM – Andrea made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Michelle seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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