



The Schools of McKeel Academy, Inc.

*McKeel Academy Central
McKeel Academy of Technology
South McKeel Academy*

Board of Trustees Meeting MINUTES

March 8, 2016

The Board of Trustees meeting was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, in the Media Center at McKeel Academy of Technology. The meeting was called to order by Stephanie L. Campbell at 12:05 p.m. and declared a quorum with 5 of 9 members present. Trustees present included Taylor Caffey, Stephanie L. Campbell, Michael Clanton, Michael Peeples, and Andrew Snyder. Trustees Seth McKeel, John Stargel, Phillip Walker, and Jackie Yon attended via conference call. Staff present included Alan Black, Julie Ehnle, Judi Morris, Ginger Collins, Lauren Hazell, Kim Benson, Joyce Powell, Michele Spurgeon, and Olivia Hazell. Jennifer Campbell and Greg Hannie, members of the public were present.

➤ **Public Comment**

Jennifer Campbell addressed the Board concerning the kindergarten retention policy. Mr. Black will meet with the principals to review this policy and will make a recommendation concerning this policy at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

➤ **Consent Agenda**

- **Minutes: 12/15/15 Board of Trustees Meeting**
- **Approval of Proposed 2016-2017 School Calendar**

Motion: Moved by Taylor Caffey, seconded by Michael Peeples, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

➤ **Old Business**

Quarterly Financials

Ms. Ehnle presented the quarterly financial statements for the period ending January 31, 2016. She will present a budget amendment at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Finnish Study Team Update

Mr. Black and Ms. Collins updated the Board on the selection of the team that will travel to Finland to research the Finnish School Model. TSMA will use this research to develop school #4 based on the Finnish School Model. Ms. Ehnle presented the estimated financial impact of the Finland

Discovery trip for approval by the Board. The Board would like to have information on projected outcomes presented at a later date.

Motion made by Michael Peeples, seconded by Andy Snyder, to approve the Finland Discovery trip at an estimated cost of \$135,440 as presented.

Motion Carried

Church Property Update

The Phase 2 environmental study came back with no environmental issues for the property. Mr. Black would like to proceed with the purchase of the property at a cost of \$120k.

Motion made by John Stargel, seconded by Michael Peeples, to approve Mr. Black entering into negotiations for the purchase of the church property at a cost of \$120k with the contract being presented to the Board for final approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion Carried

TSMA Systems Applications

Ms. Ehnle discussed the systems applications that have been implemented successfully: Standards based gradebook for K-3; Help desk for campus IT; Online open enrollment through MOO; Reward store for MAT; Bulk e-mail and parent account management for MAC; Working toward MAC/SMA managing their own website content; Improvement to credit card use system; Intent to Return to be completed online with added surveying information for transportation planning; and Planning for busing system to assign stops geographically.

Dissolution of Committees

The current Committees are not being utilized. We are only required by Statute to have an Audit Committee. Mr. Black and Ms. Ehnle are proposing the dissolution of all other Committees. If approved, the Articles of Incorporation will need to be amended to reflect this change.

Motion made by Seth McKeel, seconded by Taylor Caffey, to approve the dissolution of all Committees except the Audit Committee.

Motion Carried

➤ Director's Report

Mr. Black and Mrs. Powell discussed the recent SACS Accreditation review.

➤ Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Stephanie L. Campbell

Stephanie L. Campbell, Chair

ATTEST:

Olivia Hazell

Olivia Hazell, Secretary