



Board of Trustees Minutes November 12, 2013

In Attendance:

Sheldon Worthington, Shawn Turner, Robin Hough, Stan Funicelli, Russell Schmidt, Marylee Anderton, Jan Hunsaker, MJ Gregoire

Past Minutes

The October 15, 2013 minutes were approved unanimously. There was a discussion about how to make all documents referenced in the minutes available to the community. It was decided that a binder with all documents will be made available and this will be noted in future board minutes. MJ will get extra copies of all documents starting at the December meeting. All past minutes should be posted on the school website. MJ will resend board minutes to Jan to post.

PTO Report

None

Financial/Facilities Report

Purchases were approved unanimously.

SBO Report

None

Faculty Reports

Bethany Hansen reported on the Dance department. The distributed report included details on class assessment, strengths, weaknesses, what is new this year, and what classes she would like to add. Bethany also distributed handouts with expectations documented for teachers, students, and the conservatory.

Bethany noted that the dance department had approximately 45 dancers in 2007-2008. In 2012-2013 that number was 107 and 130 dancers are predicted for the 2013-2014 school year. Concerns were with the growing class size. For a dance class, the ideal number of students is 12 but 18 or fewer is acceptable. The teacher to student ratio is a concern as are the mixed levels of students in the intermediate classes.

Bethany envisions one conservatory as the school grows, not individual/specialized conservatories. The number of students who will be admitted to the conservatory will be based on competency, not a set number or percentage.

There was a conversation about how we could put together a dance class that will qualify as a physical education class. This falls under curriculum and professional development. Jan will report on this at the next meeting.

Committee Report

Robin's presentation on accreditation will be presented at the next meeting.

Administration Report

Artistic Director Report:

- The Halloween Open House was successful and fun. All departments participated. 700 fliers were sent out.
- Jan attended a meeting with Stacy Conologue to discuss the creation of a gala fundraiser. They will put a committee together this year to plan for the gala. This year they are planning a smaller event, a Cinco de Mayo party.
- Pippin opens on Thursday. December events include A Tale of Christmas Giving, Tuna, and music and vocal concerts.
- Jan has attended 2 recruitment open houses.
- Teacher and professional development has not been discussed with teachers. More info will be forthcoming on this.

Principal Report:

- Sheldon submitted the Department Chair job description. The information in this had been created in conjunction with department chairs. Additional information such as qualifications will need to be added to this. MJ and Robin will work on it prior to the next board meeting to get it into a standard format.
- UCA report is in progress.
- The student recognition plan has been discussed with faculty and needs to be written; it will be presented at the next meeting.
- The school improvement plan is almost done. Elements of requests by accreditation will be in the plan.
- Sheldon along with other faculty, staff and board members have attended a Professional Learning Community workshop.
- Illuminate is a new database that the state offers. Data pulls from state information and Power School. Teachers can scan tests into it and get results instantaneously. Sheldon gave the Board an example of an academic report they pulled from Illuminate which showed the ranking of all students by current GPA, cumulative GPA, and credit hours completed.
- The official student count for funding and the budget is 292.

Other Items

None

Items to be Scheduled for Further Discussion

Teacher Professional Development Plan (10.15.2013)

UCA report from Sheldon. (10.15.2013)

Student recognition plan (10.15.2013)

SLSPA school improvement plan (10.15.2013)

Accreditation committee recommendation for Board (10.15.2013)

September minutes to be reviewed at December meeting. (11.12.2013)

Dance Class as P.E. class – curriculum and professional development. Jan to report on this at next meeting. (11.12.2013)

Teacher and professional development plan from Jan. (11.12.2013)

Accreditation report presentation by Robin. (11.12.2013)

Board of Trustees meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.