



Discovery Woods

School Board of Directors

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Location: Board Room, Second Floor

Board Meeting time: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Mission: To provide Brainerd Lakes Area families a choice for quality elementary education centered around the individual needs of the child with a focus on the environment.

Vision: Discovery Woods is dedicated to educational excellence, environmental stewardship, and personal growth. Our students will have the foundation to be critical thinkers and responsible citizens.

1. Call the meeting to order

Members Present: Ben, Ed, Tom, Kelly, Melissa, Lynda

Members Absent: Crystal

Others Present: Amanda

Kristi also absent

5:35 Tom called meeting to order

2. Approval or Revisions to Agenda

Melissa added marketing and teacher appreciation to the committee reports. Ed wanted to add a lease update to the committee reports

Tom changed Montessori inspired program to "draft" status

Kelly made a motion to approve the agenda, Melissa was second

Vote unanimous

3. Community Forum (3 minutes)

NA

4. PAC Update

Disco night was successful (35 people)

Book fair needs some volunteers Feb 26 to March 2 (there is also an online book fair)

PAC is working with E2 for literacy night

March 23rd art night, there will be a yearbook cover contest

5. Financial and Management Report

Tom would like to see if we can see what our cash balance is compared to past years as well.

We will have a surplus of \$22,219, we will end with 20.7% of expenditures which is where we need to be (20% or above)

Always on the lookout for some more students

Ed made a motion to accept the financial and management reports, Ben was second

Vote unanimous

6. Consent agenda:
 - a. Minutes from 1/18/2018
 - b. Enrollment Projection for 2017-18

PreK	22
K	18
1	19
2	11
3	14
4	21
5	14
6	7
Total = 126 K-6 104 PreK 22	

Kelly made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Lynda was second

Vote unanimous

7. Action Items
 - a. Montessori Inspired Program Draft- Ben mentioned freedom of movement within the classroom

Teachers training discussion: Having teachers paying for their own training up front, then teachers pay back the training as they work their contract term (5 years).

Kelly remembered some conversations from the summer concerning training for E1 and Children's House but not necessarily E2

Kelly made a motion to table, Ben was a second

Vote unanimous

- b. Board training and work group meeting proposal

Tom proposed having a work group meeting 2 weeks before every regular scheduled board meeting. From Thursdays 5:30-7:30pm. The first 15 min of every work meeting would be dedicated to some self-training:

- c. Elections

Continue election in May but the term would not start until July since that would follow our fiscal year. Make sure to change the by-laws, need a work session

8. Highlights from School Director

Everyone was able to read through the highlights that Kristi left. Some discussion arose from curiosity to what other preschools charge in the area

9. Committee Reports

- a. Lease update

Mr. H has not contacted Ed since early Jan

- b. Secretary's Epicenter Report

Everything up to date, next due March 1st

c. STAR Data update

Spoke about how our students met their “winter goal” of 50% (reading 56% met, math 59% met). We compared our ending scores last year for reading 88%, math 77%, will we get there again or even reach higher?? Also discussed how we are doing well in closing our achievement gap between our SPED and Free and Reduced lunch population, we are better than the state!

d. PIP update

Training calendar was in the PIP

e. Teacher appreciation

Message?? Get some prizes and speak at the next board meeting

Grill out for the teachers

f. Marketing

Ben received a direct e-mail from Crosslake about the new school and website

10. Action items or reports needed for next agenda

Montessori Inspired Proposal “official”

Accept the new by-laws from the work group (elections)

11. Confirm next board meeting date

March 22nd 5:30

Optional work group meeting March 8th 5:30

12. Adjournment

7:19