

C.S. Lewis Academy
Governing Board Meeting
November 11, 2009
8:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – 8:05PM, present – Sammy, Karen, Lauren, Carla, Lena, Lincoln Fillmore, Sharon Martinez, Jason Finch, Lis Nauta, Mariah Hawes – Gwen Heath arriving 8:15PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Forego

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT – Jason Finch – Neil A. Maxwell said “A high quality student recognizes the efforts of a high quality teacher & lives up to the expectations”

CONSENT AGENDA – Approved unanimously

- Approval of minutes
- Bills
 - October expenses \$166,249.98
 - 2009-2010 YTD expenses \$574,718.71

PUBLIC FORUM, BID OPENINGS, AWARDS, AND APPOINTMENTS – none

Sign up sheet available prior to the board meeting or email pooflena@hotmail.com to be added to the agenda.

FORMAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

REPORT OF PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) – changed science fair to January to allow students more time, Peddler’s Market coming up – 13 booths so far, maybe extend to two days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Budget Adoption – postponed – discussion as part of the business report. Was carried forward from the last meeting because it’s still unfinished business – will be carried forward to next month for adoption.

NEW BUSINESS

- Utah Consolidated Application (UCA) –
 - Review of how we meet requirements for funds received, budget for funds from each program. This is an overview of five goals established by Mr. Finch for the school, based on the needs of our students – 2 strategies that tie to each goal – for each strategy, there are 3-4 action steps to reach the goals. There are specific things with these action steps to tie to specific types of funding.
 - Title I, Title I ARM – based on household income - \$27,000 – instruction (salaries) tier 2 & 3 instruction (leveled groups) ARRA – stimulus money from Pres. Obama
 - Title IIA – professional development for teachers – instruction (mentor teachers), technical services, Title IIB \$263 help purchase software for SCANTRON
 - Title III – don’t qualify for
 - Title IV – drug free funding – drug free money – staff support – Kelly Carter is the drug free school officer, red ribbon week, etc. Substance abuse prevention
 - IDEA is strictly special ed funding (students with additional needs). Preschool is ages 3-5, we have 5 year olds in kindergarten so we qualify for some preschool funding School Age, School Age ARRA, extended day kindergarten CSLA provides a longer instructional day than required by the state. – majority of funding goes to instruction, speech instructors; equipment, psychologist, extra services;
 - Gifted & Talented Coordinator – Mrs. Samudio – tracks students above grade level “Tier 4”
 - Is the money in this packet above WPU or is WPU included? These funds are totally separate from WPU. Total of \$119,000 Title I, II, III, IV
 - We have already received been awarded the grant funds – will be released when they receive the report.
 - If the state approves, they are Okaying the use of funds in the proposed manner. If there’s anything they’re not ok with, they will kick it back to the school to fix & resubmit.
 - The school is doing really well – generating a lot of buzz at the state level because we are exceeding all expectations. The first year we had 45% efficiency in Language Arts & 51% efficiency in Math. The second year we had 75% efficiency in Language Arts & 71% efficiency in Math. The leveled programs have been proven effective in our

school. Other schools are doing leveled learning – nobody else doing leveled & grade level. Massive growth has been seen in individual students. Wanting to focus more on science now, Hispanic students as a group are not proficient & need additional support for special ed students. This will make sure that funds that are allocated will support these goals.

- o Lena – motion to approve the allocation of funds to the expense categories as outlined in the budget report. Motion seconded by Lauren – unanimous approval.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STAFF, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

- Director – Mr. Finch – Enrollment 324 students. 4 new students since term 1 ended, 3 new hires (special ed aids) of note, Jenny Vaughn is a licensed teacher – willing to work as an aide, so lucky to have her.
 - o November/December calendar – dates blacked out Mr. Finch is not in the school.
 - o CACTUS – database for teachers, ALL highly qualified (means they have the right coursework, etc) and ALL passed the no child left behind testing
 - o Missed free & reduced lunch approval – realistic to say free & reduced lunch received by students in the school by December 1st.
 - o Working on getting all IEP renewals & new students qualified – report due for funding December 1st.
- Business Manager – Sharon/Lincoln –
 - o Budget completed once integrate UCA funding, current situation allows for enough cash to operate, but so much is restricted that we fall short. Once UCA funding released, will reimburse from restricted funds for funds already spent from general funds.
 - o Maintenance of effort applies to state funded support – if we purchase equipment, products, etc.
 - o We did get awarded funds for the extended day kindergarten – we have a self sufficient all day program!
 - o Pursuing state revolving loan – Apr/May before they accept applications so would not receive funds this fiscal year. It would be a long shot to receive because we have already borrowed \$175K from the state. Has already communicated this to Karen & to Scott.
 - o Scott's current position is that "we expanded your building and you have to pay for it all". No expected resolution at this point. Has been told we won't be able to pay rent – no later than March. Sometime in December, we will know how much unrestricted money there will be.
 - o We are going to receive \$40K in additional funding so the budget is in better shape than we expected.
 - o What about funding to buy out the building? \$7MM (a guess on Lincoln's part assuming it's about what the purchase price would be) – not likely to find anyone to finance at 70% of capacity. Any possibility of Scott carrying back funding for a portion of the loan – we get a loan for a smaller portion of the purchase price and he funds the remainder of the purchase price. A lease is open-ended. Lincoln's best guess would be no, but he could ask. Doubtful that anyone would lend us even a portion of the purchase price.
 - o Budget cuts – state legislature voted to rescind the budget cuts – new budget treats state charter schools equally with other schools. Legislative session ends in March.
 - o CSLA should join the Charter School Association – around \$2,500 per year – flat rate plus \$7 per student. They would probably accept less for hardship.

REPORTS BY PRESIDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS

- Gwen – pictures of shirts on website, prices, etc. Sell shirts at Peddler's Market, Donor plaque for the printing company – maybe a student council project?
- Sammy – 2 lanes at the end where currently exit the parking lot to make it an enter/exit, red curbing around the corner to the crosswalk, 4 teachers to wear vests & regulate traffic, maybe post signs near the front doors?
- Carla – completed online training, wanting to check into charitable solicitations laws, other school's websites look/feel; set up systems to recognize donors, marketing package, branding – look & feel, someone trained to do tours; get a wish list for the library online – what books do kids want to read & ask for? Being selective with applications – the direction of the school is set, parents need a match for their child, can't expect changes to be made to meet them, flyers in doctor's and dentists offices?
- Lauren – 10 min

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION (May be called to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual)

EXECUTIVE SESSION (May be called to discuss the pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or purchase, exchange, or lease of real property)

ADJOURNMENT – Motion Sammy, 2nd Lena