

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

DATE: Thursday, December 16, 2010

12:00 P.M.

Star Academy of Toledo

1850 Airport Hwy

Toledo, OH 43609-9989

Call to Order 12:02 P.M.

Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting

Roll Call

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Gareth Volz, Regional Vice President, Mosaica Education, Inc.

Dr. Samuel Hancock

Gaye Dobson

James Tyree, NCIS Mosaica Education, Inc.

Maria Markakis, Eastman & Smith LTD

John Retzke

Dave Bell

Edwan Ikhraewesh

Chuck Kissling

1. Reading, Approval and Disposal of Minutes from November 16, 2010.

2. Gareth Volz

- A student ambassador internship program will be launching in January 2011. The ambassadors are being recruited from Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, and Ohio State University. He believes that Mosaica will be able to get good teacher candidates through this paid internship program
- Four schools in Michigan will begin the process of an internal accreditation program. This program will benefit schools with small populations. There will be one teacher who can deliver instruction to students via an online program. This is being piloted in Michigan with Paragon.

3. Gaye Dobson

- Gaye spoke about scantron and is looking at 40 point gains in the schools performance series testing
- You can see data posted around the school regarding the achievement series testing. Green means the student has mastered it, Yellow means the student is almost there, and Red means the student is failing
- Music classes have been postponed and replaced temporarily with enrichment classes. 2 new title teachers have been hired along with a Title I Math coach. Gaye's background is in English so the Math coach will be a great asset.

- Staff development – the teachers took tours of some of the Mosaica schools in the area. They really enjoyed the tours and felt like it was a great learning opportunity.
- The school is holding afterschool tutoring. Mondays and Wednesdays are for math and Tuesdays and Thursdays are for reading. Currently there are approximately 55 students utilizing tutoring. There are not currently enough teachers to have the preferred 5 to 1 ratio that tutoring should be. Students are not obligated to attend tutoring classes but they are strongly encouraged.
- Students are beginning to understand the seriousness of the testing and Gaye believes that at least 50% if not more will achieve passing scores on the OAA in Spring.

4. **James Tyree**

- Teachers have made data walls to show students where they stand in their testing. They use red, yellow, and green cutouts and they are all anonymous
- Students are now taking the testing seriously and they seem to be enjoying it
- 3 examples of student tracking were handed out. Most students are currently red. The SIP needs to be at 65 or above for the student to be considered proficient. A lot of the third grade students are considered to be at least than a second grade level.
- Weekly achievement assessments began after Thanksgiving using laptops in the enrichment room.
- The 4th grade students have been tracking themselves and were very excited that most of them were green by the end of the week
- One handout showed that there were no proficient students last year taking the OAA testing in grades 5 – 8
- James believes that we can realistically reach our target this year and that not only could the school jump 1 level but possibly 2

5. **Dr. Samuel Hancock**

- Paragon night took place on November 30, 2010 and approximately 150 parents showed up. There is video coverage and Dr. Hancock would like to share it with the Board. The next Paragon night will be January 25, 2011 and it will be performed by the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The school is very excited that the founder of Mosaica will be there.
- Jerry Jones and friend of Dr. Hancock has given the school \$500 toward a cyber school Dr. Hancock would like to start. Jerry has partnered with Dr. Hancock to help raise \$10,000 for a cyber school that will teach parents to become computer literate. While the parents are at the school learning how to use the computers, the object is to teach the students that they bring with them. At the end of the computer course the parent would get to keep the laptop.
 - Not including the \$500 from Jerry, there was also a \$2,000 donation, Dr. Hancock gave \$500, and Dave Bell and John Retzke said they could donated \$500 together

- There was an article about STAR Academy in the Truth because STAR students collected 799 cans to donate to the Cherry St. Mission
- Pam Lester is very excited about her new position as the Parent Liason. She has already set up a lunch at the Golden Corral for the honor roll students in grades 1-8. She also set up an honor roll lunch of McDonalds where the students were joined by Santa.
- There was an unfortunate incident with some of the students having bed bugs. A big thank you to the teachers for noticing. The parent was very cooperative. The students at STAR Academy are mostly free and reduced lunch, and probably have low hygiene. We realize that we need healthy students in order to teach them but there may be more issues than just learning.
- There have been a few minor problems with the bus. We are dealing with it and it is under control. Mr. Coleman has been getting us many resources.

6. **Treasurer's Update – Gareth Volz**

- There is an Audit of Constellation, Mosaica is working on it
- The auditor is concerned that the company is spending money without Board approval
- Title 1 money can only be used on Title 1 students. STAR Academy is about 99% title but it is not school wide.
 - Title students are getting enrichment classes instead of gym.
 - STAR Academy needs to keep an inventory of things purchased with Title 1 money
 - Title money is reimbursed to you from the state after you spend your own money

GAYE DOBSON EXCUSED AT 1:09 P.M.

JAMES TYREE EXCUSED AT 1:10 P.M.

7. **Maria Markakis**

- All board members present were given a copy of Policies. These are the Policies that all other Mosaica schools in this area have.
- A brief overview of the policies were given.
- The following things need to have a decision made
 - Page 24-29: needs to be signed and dated
 - Page 35: Policy 124
 - Page 56: Policy 147.1
 - Page 57: #7
 - Page 59:
 - Page 86: Policy 157
 - Page 176: Policy 263
 - Page 204: Policy 273
 - Page 205: Can students receive services when on suspension/expulsion
 - Page 231: Records and release of student information

- Page 232: School law enforcement unit
- Policy 449
- Appendix 115-A

- Board training can be developed to your specific needs. It needs to be 5 hours of training. Possibly do this training in January
- Possibly adopt these policies at the next Board meeting in order to give board members more time to look them over.

MARIA MARKAKIS EXCUSED AT 1:37 P.M.

Old Business

Security system with a buzzer at the front door will be put in over winter break

New Business

Designate Title 1 budget

Chuck Kissling motioned to approve the Title 1 budgets

Edwan Ikhraewesh seconded the motion

The motion was passed

Dr. Hancock is looking for snack donation for tutoring students; John is donating \$100, Romanoff is donating \$100, and CRT is donating \$100.

Dave, Dana, and John attended a seminar in Columbus. They found it very engaging and would go again if they got the chance.

Dave Mancini asked John Retzke to remind the school that it must make up any snow days. Dr. Hancock informed the board that the school is making up it's only snow day so far on January 13, a day that was set aside for professional development.

Dave Bell motioned for adjournment

Chuck Kissling seconded the motion

The meeting adjourned at 1:45p.m.