

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

DATE: Thursday, October 28, 2010

12:00 P.M.

Star Academy of Toledo

1850 Airport Hwy

Toledo, OH 43609-9989

Call to Order 12:05 P.M.

Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting

Roll Call

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Mancini (ESCCO)

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

John Jaquith, Director of Special Education, Mosaica Education, Inc.

Roger Gray

Darlene Sweeney-Newbern

Dana Hostetler

Mary A. Alexander

John Retzke

Dave Bell

Edwan Ikhraewesh

Dr. Samuel Hancock

Gaye Dobson

1. Reading, Approval and Disposal of Minutes from September 23, 2010.

2. Gareth Volz

- Mr. Voltz presented marketing plan; report distributed to board members.

3. Dave Mancini

- Discussed renewal of Starr Academy's contract. The decision was made to postpone final decision until March pending review of upcoming academic assessment results.
- Discussed procedural issues and notification process for staying on top of new policies; suggested that Dr. Hancock explore the National Charter Schools to emulate methodology.
- Inquired into the software and documentation process of AOSIS; Dr. Hancock reports progress is favorable and acceptance of new responsibility.

- Mr. Mancini reported that the financial plan and enrollment are both commendable and reiterated the importance of attendance required and the commitment of being a board member.
- Notified members of an upcoming Board training opportunity in Columbus in December where Brian Carpenter will be presenting.

4. **Gaye Dobson**

- Regarding disciplinary procedures, Mrs. Dobson reports the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) system at Starr Academy has set a cultural climate to maintain a balance of discipline while building character. Saturday school is an example of this providing the opportunity for students to give back to the community.
- Staff development is taking shape by working with staff on the concept of differentiating instruction. Staff will be visiting other Mosaica worksites to observe their methods.
- Question was posed to Mrs. Dobson regarding any notable progress of test results. Dobson discussed the performance series tests (OAA) which will be administered before Thanksgiving and offers an 85% predictability rate. Also discussed was the achievement series as being a more concrete form of data that targets students in need of tutoring.
- Tutoring is quite a success and there is currently a waiting list. There is a possibility of hiring more highly qualified teachers to accommodate the need.

GAYE DOBSON EXCUSED AT 12:20 P.M.

5. **Dr. Samuel Hancock**

- Dr. Hancock reports that Mayor Bell and the Toledo Journal spent a great deal of time at Star Academy and the students were very excited.
- Staff has been cooperative with neighborhood walks to canvas the blocks surrounding the school to provide literature about Star Academy. Dr. Hancock reports it was a great team building experience.
- Security issues were addressed with the school's doors being unlocked and open to the public throughout the day. Kudos given to teachers and staff who are on constant alert and challenge the identity of unknown people. Dr. Hancock will talk to Father as well as inquire with vendors to seek options and cost involved for securing doors.
- Dr. Hancock stated the recent emergency tornado procedure was a success and commended all staff and students.
- Discussed after school tutoring and the need to provide snacks to students; options are foodbank, donations, or fundraiser.

6. **John Jaquith**

- Mr. Jaquith described his role as it relates to special education and positive behavioral support and stated he will be visiting every three weeks.
- Mr. Jaquith completed a child find sweep which identifies students struggling and on an IEP. The question was posed to Mr. Jaquith why there are only 6% reporting as being on IEPs out of 186 students. Is this driving scores down? No.

7. **Treasurer's Update**

- A copy of the 5-Year forecast of projected budget was distributed to those in attendance. This proposal reflects a 7% cut dictated by ODE.
- Discussed capital assets and auditing process, clarified expenditures as it relates to grant monies.

Dana Hostetler moved for approval of the 5-Year projected forecast. John Retzke seconded the motion. Unanimous voice vote in favor.

The motion passed.

Old Business

John Retzke reminded Dr. Hancock that Romanoff can host apprenticeship/construction jobs field trips to accommodate 20 kids per group and last about 2-3 hours.

New Business

Motion to amend calendar to reflect the upcoming board meetings as follows:

November 18, 2010	12:00 p.m.
December 16, 2010	12:00 p.m.
January 27, 2010	12:00 p.m.

moved for approval
seconded the motion
Unanimous voice vote in favor.
The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:08p.m.