



Board Meeting Minutes
Desert Sky Montessori
Virtual Meeting
November 18, 2020

Sam Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:17pm.

Present: Sam Pierce, Cara Nowak, Kim Bangerter, John Eskew, Jolene Dodge

Also present: Jodie Borgia, Julia Sutter, Jessica Loukonen, Heather Amaral, Pascaline Ocana (until 7:13pm), Ute-Anja McDonald (arrived 6:37pm; until 7:13pm)

BUSINESS

- A. Consent Agenda
 - a. Head of School Report
 - b. Business Director Report
 - c. Approve October 2020 Minutes

2020.11.18.01 Jolene Dodge moves to approve the consent agenda. John Eskew seconds. The consent agenda is approved by unanimous vote.

- B. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Financial summary
 - i. John Eskew: we are doing well for where we are and are on track for the planned budget that we approved; enrollment and how it is trending will drive where our budget is going in the future
 - ii. Jolene Dodge: would like to say that she appreciates everyone's work at this unprecedented time
- C. Fundraising update
 - a. Sam Pierce: there is an active page set up on the Central Oregon Gives website put on by The Source; some donations are already being generated there; requests that board members share with their circles; there is award money to be made available to organizations that generate the most interest/money
 - b. giving campaign
 - i. Julia Sutter: officially kicks off December 1, but will start getting the word out during Thanksgiving week
- D. Sam Pierce: would like for the board to hear about donations going for an architect
 - a. Jessica Loukonen: we have been meeting with Unity's Vision Board; we met with an architect to do a master plan, as we need a more detailed drawing in order to move along in this process (ie to get grants, permits, funding, etc.); money has been offered to us to fund the initial

- architectural drawings, which would allow us to be a part of the North Triangle development talks; the architect is offering detailed, in-scale drawings for 3 buildings at a cost of \$10,000
- b. Julia Sutter: we would not be required to build with or use these drawings at this point
 - c. John Eskew: still has reservations about the north triangle as a home for DSM and gets thrown when he sees the amount of money that we would need to build a school to suit; that said, if someone would like to donate, he sees no problem with it
 - d. Kim Bangerter: agrees; thinks we have an opportunity and someone is being very generous
 - e. Jodie Borgia: we need these drawings in order to move forward with creating a campus and someone is offering to pay for them...thinks we should accept with gratitude; would like the head teachers to provide input on the drawings and what is needed before it is approved/drawn up
 - f. Pascaline Ocana: agrees that the teachers should have some input for their wants and needs
 - g. Jessica Loukonen: was skeptical at first and understands the hesitancy considering the situation we are in, but also thinks that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity; we should think ahead, even though we have had so many setbacks with Covid this year; thinks it is a gift to have these people around us and supporting us
 - h. Kim Bangerter: wonders if we have a guarantee from the architect that these drawings will only cost \$10,000
 - i. Julia Sutter: we will get it in writing (3 buildings for \$10,000) before we move forward

2020.11.18.02 John Eskew motions to approve the expenditure of up to \$10,000 on architectural fees, given the recent pledge of funds. Kim Bangerter seconds. Given the recent pledge of funds, the expenditure of up to \$10,000 on architectural fees is unanimously approved.

E. Head of School

- a. Jodie Borgia: enrollments are holding steady for now; the district has a plan for what it will look like week to week when we come back to in-person learning; not much has changed except for Deschutes County's numbers [positive Covid cases] going up; there is some talk about Covid testing all teachers once per week once we are back in-person, but they need to find the funds

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Recorded by: Cara Nowak

Minutes approved at 12/16/2020 Board Meeting