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MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, June 25, 2017

4:00 – 6:00pm

Common Roots Cafe

Members Physically Present: Jennie Becker, Melanie Mozingo, Simon Sperl, Craig Farmer

Members Absent: Aaron Monson

Ex Officio Members Present: Colleen Brennan

Others Present: Maria Sperl

AGENDA

- Review board meeting schedule and discuss workshop vs. regular meetings; dividing workload
- Executive Director job posting and hiring update
- Roles/future positions at Studio School; potential fits based on other candidates
- Bylaws and policy writing and review (give feedback and fine tune) (Colleen)
- Realtor agreement and inviting realtor team to next meeting (unavailable 6-25-17)
- Northeast Art and Science charter school (Polytechnic)---another charter school opening with same timeline
- Admissions expert at Twin Cities Academy (Mel)
- Background checks (Colleen)
- Future board members
- Future board training
- Other topics

Meeting to order: 4:15pm, Mel first, Craig second

Passing meeting minutes from last meeting: 4:16pm, Simon first, Craig second

Review board meeting schedule and discuss workshop vs. regular meetings; dividing workload

- NEO concerned about both board and workshop sessions; workshops more informal and more about laptops sessions and working on documents
- Approve meeting minutes and agenda, adjourn, and move into workshop session
- Workshop meeting could be online
- Communicate our system with our NEO

Agenda approved: Simon first, Craig second, 4:22pm

Executive Director job posting and hiring update

- Three candidates, great experience
- Responses to go out on 6-26-17

Roles/future positions at Studio School; potential fits based on other candidates

- Discussed the strengths of the candidates and if they would be a good fit within our culture

Bylaws and policy writing and review (give feedback and fine tune) (Colleen)

- CB went to Basecamp in the July 2017 "to do list" -----make sure document is compliant with all the statutes
- Put dates into charter paperwork with NEO
- Other initial policies need to be done
- CB could work on drafting documents and putting into Google Drive and at next workshop could fine tune together; be ready to ratify for future meetings; CB taking cues from other schools; CB will customize as much as possible
- Bylaws will define how the board will run in the future; really timely; good time to do this; CB will have time during next few weeks to get ready

Realtor agreement and inviting realtor team to next meeting (unavailable 6-25-17)

- Craig will contact Dan Boschwitz and work to look at properties; Jennie also interested (CB will be gone 7/12-7/27 to Australia)



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- Sherry and Mike Brennan are interested with the real estate topic

Northeast Art and Science Polytechnic---another charter school opening with same timeline (to open fall 2018)

- <http://www.nepolytech.org/>
- MM to contact Clark Bremer (board member) to learn more about the school; will invite CB to chat more
- Targeting engagement gap; designing program to engage more students
- MM wrote Clark Bremer via FB about future meeting
- CF will follow-up with curriculum (MOUSE) related to engineering to share
- MM will follow-up with Mark Larson, superintendent of Mahtomedi Public Schools, about their engineering program

Admissions expert at Twin Cities Academy (Mel)

- Meet with Erin about their admissions process

Background checks (Colleen)

- CB looking for venue about how to conduct background checks
- Nominal fee for board members
- Jennie will ask about services; sister works with boards often

Future board members update

- Deb B. unable to continue
- Need three teachers and 3 community members
- Ask Shelly to come to next meeting (parent role)
- Maria has connection to 3M; will ask dad about teaching staff
- Simon has teacher with ELL connection
- Interested board members are welcome to come observe

Future board training

- Wendy will let us know the dates; MM sent email on 6-25-17

Board diversity training

- MM will send info via email
- Many board members interested

Organizational chart

- CB shared current document and group discussed

Professional development

- In-house courses
- Teacher-to-teacher workshops
- Parent education: media, future coursework, college prep/admissions, PSEO
- "Bring parent to class day"

Motion to adjourn at 5:11pm, Simon first, Jennie second

Adjourned at 5:11pm

Next meeting: July 9, 2017 (Simon, Maria, and Mel will be gone)