

Minutes for the Board Meeting of Spacious Skies Charter School

January 24, 2017 - 5:15 p.m.

Gold Hill Substation, Colorado Springs Police Department

Mission Statement: Spacious Skies, a project-based learning school, guarantees each child a quality education by providing joyful and challenging learning experiences in a safe and caring environment, empowering all students to fulfill their responsibilities and dreams.

- I. Preliminary
 - a. Call to Order – 5:23pm
 - b. Welcome to guests
 - I. Motion to welcome: Robert Ford
 - II. Second by Christina Ford, all approved
 - III. Advisory members: Diana Ford, Evelyn Ford
 - c. Roll call
 - I. Suspend until formal board
 - d. Approval of previous minutes
 - I. December 20, 2016 Meeting
 - I. Motion made by Robert Ford
 - II. Second by Christina Ford
 - III. Unanimously approved
 - II. Defer approval of Working Session Minutes until next board meeting
 - e. Approval of agenda
 - I. Motion to amend the minutes to include vote on whether to start K-3 or K-2 by Robert Ford
 - II. Second by Josh Husman
 - III. Unanimously approved
 - f. Public comment – none at this time.
- II. General Agenda
 - a. Approval of whether to start K-3 rather than K -2
 - I. Allows the school to be solvent in all years, will resolve the downfall in the budget, may also attract more families, will need to defend it
 - II. Roll Call vote: unanimously approved
 - b. Policies Discussion – need to review for the next board meeting and prepare for a vote
 - I. Review of Board Member Agreement – need additional revisions
 - II. Review of Grievance Policies and Procedures – to review for next meeting
 - III. Review of Disciplinary Policies – adapted from District 11
 - IV. Review of List of Disciplinary Infractions and Responses – needs additional revisions, needs additional definitions
 - c. Discussion of Principal Job Description
 - I. Margaret Scoot reviewed principal job descriptions from other districts

Board members:

Margaret Scott-President
Christina Ford-Secretary
Josh Husman-Vice
President
Laurie Eastup- Treasurer
Bob Ford-director
Roger Cortez-director

Advisory members:

Evelyn Cortez-Ford
Diana Ford
Julian Cortez

- II. Do we want the principal to have a license in Colorado knowing that it is not required for Charter Schools?
 - I. Discussion – charter schools are designed to bring in qualified individuals but not in a traditional way, possibly put it in the preferred characteristics which we would not be bound by it, discussion on why that would be a preferred characteristic above other qualifications and characteristics, it is important to have somebody who is aware with the philosophy and direction of the school, “other qualifications” rather than “preferred qualifications”, possibility of changing this in the future, who do we want in our candidate pool and who would we not want to eliminate? Success as a classroom teacher as a minimum qualification? Think about what is necessary to do this job and what is the knowledge, skill, and disposition for this? What level of education? Do those need to be in a particular field?
- III. Possibility that the academic team should come up with ideas and present it to the board
- d. Application Next Steps
 - I. Submitted the application for first review, only section we are missing is the insurance section which is in the works, will be in the application for second review
 - II. Options for conference call with Kathy at the league – February 1, after 3pm, Feb 2nd any time except noon hour, Feb 3rd
 - I. February 1st after 3pm, Evelyn and Margaret are available, Diana and Laurie are available at 4:30
 - III. Still need to do:
 - I. Full scope and sequence for K through 3rd grade (including core content)
 - II. Principal evaluation
 - III. Dash board
 - IV. Revised budge
 - V. Insurance section
 - VI. Front and back matter of the application
 - VII. Updated resumes from Board Members
 - VIII. More letters of support
 - IX. Intent to Enroll Forms
 - X. Read the Application!!
 - XI. Working on scheduling with D-11
 - IV. League conference is coming up on February 23th and 24th
 - I. Evelyn can go on the 24th, Margaret may be able to go on the 23rd, possibility of Christina to go on the 24th
- III. Consent Agenda – none at this time.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Academic – none at this time.

- b. Facilities – Robert met with realtor at what was Silver Key, 2 floors, basement is open and second floor is mostly offices, 25,000 square feet, outside needs cosmetic work, the realtor is the landlord for the charter school at airport and circle, next to CPCD which does have a playground, right next to city bus stop, open to renting as much or as little space as we need, possibly rent for \$10 per square foot or less
 - c. Governance – none at this time.
 - d. Outreach – none at the time.
 - e. Finance – none at this time.
- V. New Business
- a. Do we need to keep a log of motions? Discussion.
 - b. Continue to work on the training modules
 - c. Stephanie at Gold Hill Mesa would like to partner, would be willing to have us conduct their kid activities at whatever activity that they host
- VI. Executive Session of the Board (Guests will be dismissed) – None at this time.
- VII. Adjournment
- a. Motion by: Robert Ford
 - b. Second by: Josh Husman
 - c. Unanimously approved
 - d. Next meeting: February 21 at 5:15pm, Gold Hill Substataion