



## **Endeavor Board Meeting Minutes: January 13, 2014**

### **Call to Order:**

Lisa Springle called to order a meeting of the ECS Board of Directors at 7:01 pm in Endeavor's multi-purpose room.

### **Present:**

Kevin Myers, Bill Borter, Andy Kristianson, Lisa Springle, Margaret Holder, Sarah McConnell, Christian Nechyba. Charlie Kennedy arrived at 7:40 pm. Christian Nechyba voted as proxy for Steve McAdams.

### **Foundation / Construction Items**

David Clodgo provided a brief update on progress on construction. Construction is on-schedule and on-budget. All of the walls are up, and most roof sections are on. Should be done within the next week or two, and we should be "dried in" by mid-February. This would lead to cleaning and sealing, and the drywall going up.

Based on scheduled payables and project schedule, we may need to use a small portion of the taxable loan, but it would not appear necessary to use the entire amount. However, we still have contingency monies and potential project savings that, if timing allows, might alleviate the need for this. Foundation Board is looking at all opportunities to avoid using this loan if possible.

The Board also discussed field estimate progress. We have two bids at this time, and these are under evaluation. We will not pursue any clearing for trails in the wooded area until after construction completes, as it is not clear what impact this might have on the environmental assessment.

### **Approval of Prior Minutes:**

Kevin Myers moved to approve the meeting minutes as distributed on Monday, January 13 for the December 16, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting. Andy Kristianson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Director's Update**

Christi Whiteside provided the Board an update via email in Steve McAdams' absence, which Lisa Springle read for the Board, as follows:

1. K-3 teachers have had a strong start to the mClass testing procedures. The testing window continues for the next 1 1/2 weeks.

2. The planned sub for 8th grade math maternity leave took a permanent position elsewhere. There are several additional candidates - one interviewed on Friday and 2 today. We are hoping to make an offer by Friday.
3. All three teachers going on maternity leave are progressing well with sub plans.
4. Tina is pursuing a moving company who has expressed interest in moving the current school for a drastically reduced rate in exchange for advertising to our community.
5. The Fine Arts team was featured in the newspaper in December after completing a service project with gr. 4-6 students benefiting animals.
6. The office has finished scanning and shredding all old student records in prep. for the move.
7. Public Open House will be Feb. 1 from 9-11:00. Board, Foundation, and PAWS representation is needed.
8. We have been selected to participate in a national test - NAEP- for our 8th graders. As a school, we don't have a choice about participating, but individual families can opt their children out. ECS will receive no data specific to our students. Families will receive no data specific to their kids. Our results will simply be incorporated into the national data.

Kevin Myers will follow-up with administration on the offer for move assistance and what a 'drastically reduced rate' and 'advertising to our community' entails. Lisa Springle will follow-up with administration on the agenda for the open house and need for Board participation.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Bill Borter provided the update. Current balance as of 12/31/2013 is \$897,781.88. We are currently showing a surplus for the year, in part because of loan payments that have not been needed at this time. There are quite a few line items with 85% or more budget remaining, and Bill will follow-up in preparation for February's report on the outlook against those items.

The Board discussed the on-going issue of under-allocation due to absences during the first 20 days of school. Bill will follow-up with administration on potential to reclaim excused absences as it is not clear that this action was closed. We will also clarify the total under-allocation and how this is calculated.

### **Transportation Parent Survey Results**

Sarah McConnell took the Board through the responses. There were 185 total responses. Of the respondents, the vast majority plan to return.

The Bus was not an overwhelming yes – 47% definitely not, and 29% probably not. However, there are respondents strongly in favor. Charlie Kennedy will continue to follow-up on these options as a result, getting estimates for potentially fewer than the 65 riders in the current estimates. In addition, car pool from the current location was not desired much at all. Again, however, there are 59 respondents in favor, however, so it may be viable for those families.

Sarah McConnell and Charlie Kennedy will work on a second survey that will clarify the results of this survey for respondents, mention the need for finalizing options, and ask much more detailed questions about busing and carpool. We will also increase the number of avenues of notification to ensure participation meets or exceeds the last survey.

**Board Officer Elections**

Andy Kristianson nominated Bill Borter for the position of Board Treasurer for 2014. Charlie Kennedy seconded. Motion approved unanimously, with Bill Borter abstaining.

Andy Kristianson nominated Kevin Myers for the position of Board Secretary. Charlie Kennedy seconded. Motioned approved unanimously, with Kevin Myers abstaining.

Andy Kristianson nominated Lisa Springle for the position of Board Chair. Christian Nechyba seconded. Motioned approved unanimously, with Lisa Springle abstaining.

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments or questions.

**Closed Personnel Sessions**

Kevin Myers moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue, in accordance with statute 143.318.11 (a) (6). Christian Nechyba seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the board moved into closed session at 8:15 pm.

Kevin Myers moved that the Board move to open session. Margaret Holder seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The board reconvened in public session at 8:46pm.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.