



Board of Director's Meeting Minutes * February 16, 2017 5:00 pm
Location: Venture High School Library

- I. Call To Order: Tracey Nelsen
Board Members present: Tracey Nelsen, Chris Hoagstrom, Susan Hardy, Monty Hardy, Pati Crosby
Also present: Mark Child, Jared Taylor, Janey Stoddard
Visitors: Isaac Koetitz, Katie Reeve, Annie MacKnight (Middle School students) and Beronica MacKnight (parent)
- II. Welcome: Chris
- III. Approval of minutes:
 - **ACTION: Susan moves we approve the minutes of January 19, 2016. Chris seconds. Passes unanimously.**
- IV. Monthly Enrollment Lottery: Monty ran the monthly enrollment lottery.
- V. Mission Statement & Vision/Training
 - A. Recited the Mission Statement of Venture Academy
 - B. Governance Committee
 - Board training - Monty introduced the idea of 10 minute Power Lessons at board meetings
 - Board succession - Discussion regarding advisory board membership comprised of non-voting members
- VI. Operations
 - A. Budget Review - Monty reported on finances using Board Meeting Update handout including Major Completed Items and Current Items
 - B. Legislative Update -
 - February 24, 2016 Educators/Leaders Conference at the State capitol
 - Senate and House bills discussion, specifically HB 241
 - C. 2017-18 SY Calendar Approval
 - **ACTION: Monty moves we approve the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar as presented. Chris seconds. Passes unanimously.**
- VII. Public Comment
Isaac Koetitz asked the board to consider adding black pants to the dress code. Katie Reeve also advocated for black pants and Annie MacKnight shared her essay entitled [Black Pants in Venture Dress Code](#).
Board members commented and asked the students to poll the K-8 teachers as to their opinions. Board will put this on the agenda for next month, discuss and put to vote.

VIII. Reports

A. Student Achievement and School Improvement (Director)

- Mark reported on formalizing long term improvement plan; annual Venture report with data; data gathering with Power School; displaying students work on “Wall of Honor” as well as online gallery;
- Mark led discussion on SAGE, ACT and other testing
- Mark explained that they will be sending out surveys to parents and teachers in a couple of weeks; Implementation Review

B. High School Report

- Jared reported on the success of the Art Show and Winter Ball; upcoming Prom
- Jared gave updates on retention recruiting; collaboration with Promontory and parent meeting; Facebook campaign
- Jared also reported on Big Rock Goals (HSBRG#1); refining crew curriculum; Intensive prep and Master schedule adding semester long ACT course
- Jared reported on the suicide, bullying, sexual abuse meeting for parents and students with professionals present to facilitate

C. K-8 Report

- Janey reported on K-8 mid-year assessment including K-3 Dibels and 4-5 reading tests.
- Janey also reported on Big Rock Goals
 - Character Assessment - SIP team teachers have come up with pathways to identify needs of students; 6 habits of work and character contest designing buttons;
 - Targeted Interventions - Tier 1 students and SPED tier 2 lower kids differentiated
 - Teachers are meeting and talking about what they are seeing

IX. Policy

- SPED Policy and Venture Board Policy will be voted on at next Board meeting

X. Adjourn

- **ACTION: Tracey moves we adjourn the board meeting. Chris seconds. Passes unanimously.**

XI. Next Meeting: March 23, 2017 5:00 pm

*The Mission of Venture Academy is to **Inspire** the rising generation to reach the heights of their potential. **Ignite** their curiosity to venture into challenging new learning*



*experiences, and through service, **Empower** them to be leaders who are committed to family and community...then they can **Achieve** their dreams and shape their world.*