

Elko Institute for Academic Achievement Meeting Minutes
March 02, 2009
McMullen McPhee Board Room

Meeting Called to Order by Carrie Allard: 4:47 PM

Board Members Present:

- Carrie Allard, President
- Leslie Creel, Secretary
- Karen Ash
- Mary Glaser
- Kathe Linnell (Conference Call)

Public Present:

- Mark Paris
- Kim Paris
- Stephanie Alberts-Weber
- Tim Wickersham

Motion to approve February 17th minutes PASSED.

Public Comment

Tim Wickersham has been president of Elko County Classroom Teacher's Association for four years.

Kim: According to NRS statutes, a teacher who wants to teach at the charter school can ask for a one year leave-of-absence. Can the school board deny this request?

Tim: On most instances the collective bargaining agreement supersedes the statutes... (checks the 12-year old provision on the master contract via the web) a teacher can only apply for a leave-of-absence after three years of service. The contract specifies the reasons: health, caring for a parent...

Kim: Would an employee who returns to the district after a year's leave, lose a year of benefit seniority?

Tim: He suspects for those with less than 16 years of service, the district would not give that year back... Dr. Keith Rheault, could answer these questions.

Kim: What are the questions you are getting most asked?

Tim: What happens if this? If that? Questions I can't answer.

Kim: Should we check the state-sponsored charter schools and check on their contracts?

Tim: The ex-president of the Washoe Education Association president, Lynn Warne, now president of NSEA might answer some of these questions. If we could write up 10 most

burning questions, Tim would call Lynn and ask... keep in mind the contract wasn't written to accommodate this. This is like a trip to the moon...

Kim: EIAA has the option of the state insurance plan or the same plan they already have.

Tim: don't know if a teacher who works at the charter school can still be a member of NSEA (Nevada State Education Association).

Noon rotary meeting is March 4th at Stockmen's Showroom.

Unfinished Business

Motion to approve primary blue and primary red school colors was approved.

BOARD

Royal Orser is interested in being a board member. **Kathe Linnell** will invite him to next meeting.

Kevin McKinney will be at the next meeting to fingerprint board members.

March 21, 9-12, at Coral Academy, there will be Charter school Board Training.

BUDGET

Stephanie will fill out Chamber member application and bring to Carrie for an \$85 check. Mark to call Lavonne Thompson.

Family Fun Fair plan is March 14th, 10-4 PM at the Convention Center. Hands-on learning activities, raffle. Volunteer commitment. **Karen** will get helium balloons. **Kim** will prepare activities.

Mary Koerhner from RNDC does not have a response yet.

Approve fund-raising packet to go to other businesses. **ACTION ITEM**

Mark Paris provided an application to join PERS. **ACTION ITEM**

No reimbursements to be paid.

BUILDING

Nothing to Report

Approve building lease – **TABLED**

CURRICULUM

Kim will add to Karen's curriculum paragraph. Kim would also like to have a Curriculum Night to demo the curriculum. How about Tuesday April 21st at the college, maybe GBC 121? Karen or Cheryl will check on the facility.

STAFF

The long survey piece is still on the website and Leslie needs to change this.

Jeff Shirani of Elko Ambulance has a wife moving from Idaho who is interested in teaching at the school.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment begins April 6th, since April 1st occurs during Spring Break.

COMMUNICATIONS

Charter Authors and Board Members need to add to the FAQ answers on Google docs or the e-mail Leslie disseminated.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

They have made progress, but are having technical difficulties with document handling.

VOLUNTEERS

Nothing to Report

MISCELLANEOUS

Table on Planning Workshop – Forwarded

PR communications issues and potential funding opportunities will be a **STANDING ACTION ITEM.**

Time Line Review is a **STANDING ACTION ITEM.**

New Business

Next meeting is 4:30 PM, Monday, March 16th

7:00 PM Meeting adjourned.