



Elko Institute for Academic Achievement Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2009
McMullen McPhee Board Room

Meeting Called to Order: 4:40 PM

Board Present:

- Carrie Allard
- Cheryl Hecht
- Karen Ash
- Royal Orser
- Leslie Creel
- Kathe Linell
- Jon Wahrenbrock
- Mary Glaser

Board Not Present:

- Dorothy Hull

Public Present:

- Melissa Fonder
- Kim Paris
- Mark Tsunemori
- Pat Tsunemori
- David Stanton
- Michelle Uriarte

Unfinished Business

BUILDING

Building Lease negotiations are ongoing. David Stanton went through his comments on the lease agreement discussed his concerns with wording in the lease agreement. Cheryl Hecht and Carrie Allard will try to meet with Steve Romero tomorrow to discuss these issues.

Kim Paris went to a furniture sale at GBC and acquired many pieces of furniture for \$180, including 3 nice desks, 3 round tables, 3 stacks of red chairs (30 total). The college may have more items available this summer. Jeff Cox may have 25 Dell computers to donate.

Mark Paris received a call from Debbie Hoover at Wal-mart informing EIAA of a Back-to-School clearance sale. Leslie Creel went to Wal-Mart and purchased \$200 worth of materials, including binders, white boards, construction paper, glitter blue pens, highlighters, curtains, basketballs, etc.

STAFF

Application to be revised so it does not suggest just five years of experience will be honored in contract negotiations.

Staff Recruitment committee now consists of Pat Tsunemori as Committee Chair, Carrie Allard, Kathe Linnell, Royal Orser, Cheryl Hecht and Leslie Creel.

Need to place closing dates for Administrative Assistant and Teaching Positions on the Website. Carrie had posted May 1st for the Administrative Assistant in the newspaper. On the website, May 8th for Admin Assistant and May 18th for Teachers will be posted.

There is a GBC Portfolio presentation tomorrow, May 5, 5:30 to 7:00 PM, showcasing teachers who are graduating this year.

There is Power School training available locally May 14th, 10 AM-12:15 PM.

A "Technical Assistance for Charter School" course will be available in Carson City on August 20th and Las Vegas on August 19th.

ENROLLMENT

Application packets were mailed April 28th. A bulk mailing permit was not purchased since it was costly and requires 200 letters be mailed each time.

BUDGET AND FUNDRAISING

The 11th Street Deli fundraiser is rescheduled until the summer due to miscommunication.

EIAA has not applied for any grants since the ones that they have all found require the school to have students or have been in service for one year. Leslie created a Google Doc to track these opportunities.

Karen Ash presented a potential opportunity provided by the University of Connecticut to obtain M³ curriculum materials and training at no cost. There need to be other institutions in the west that are interested. She is canvassing other candidates.

Karen Ash is keeping in contact with Erin Pfelz in Washington D.C. requesting that she be notified when startup grant money becomes available (potentially \$50,000).

Cheryl provided information on state requirements for enrollment verification so that EIAA can receive DSA funds. Student identification numbers are requested and we will check with the district to see if we can coordinate these ID's to facilitate the high school transition.

Mark Paris mentioned we create EIAA business cards so they can be handed to people when the subject of in-kind donations surfaces.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

John Wahrenbrock and Royal Orser need to be fingerprinted by Detective Kevin McKinney.

Karen Ash resigned her position on the board, effective May 5th .

Cheryl pursued a prospective board member to volunteer to replace Karen Ash. She has not received a response.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Cheryl and Mary's efforts on this are ongoing.

MISCELLANEOUS

A parent inquired about our strict dress code policy. The board will bring their ideas and discussion to the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM

New Business

Next meeting 4:30 PM, May 11th, 2009.