

AVALON SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

February 10th, 2009
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Avalon School

President: Dawn Van Ryn
Vice President: Carrie Bakken
Secretary: Skip Olsen
Treasurer: Walter Anastazievsky

Board Members:
Monessa Newell
Jo Sullivan
Regina Goldner

Agenda

Call to order: 6:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report/Approval of the Minutes: Minutes approved.

Approval of the Agenda: agenda approved

Accountability

Finance

Treasurer's Report

- Currently, revenues exceed expenses. It was noted on the budget sheet that it is expensive to pay for lunch. It was also noted that expenses and revenues at this point in the year are consistent with where we were last year at this time.
- A revised budget for expense and revenue was moved, seconded and approved.

Wire Transfers Approved

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| • 1142009 | 1/29/09 | Wells Fargo | \$293.99 |
| • 1152009 | 1/15/09 | PERA | \$724.34 |
| • 1202009 | 1/31/09 | Wells Fargo | \$233.89 |
| • 1292009 | 1/31/09 | Wells Fargo | \$86.67 |
| • 1302009 | 1/30/09 | PERA | \$710.32 |
| • 11420091 | 1/31/09 | Wells Fargo | \$36026.12 |
| • 12152008 | 1/6/09 | PERA | \$700.26 |
| • 12312008 | 1/6/09 | PERA | \$716.45 |
| • 12920091 | 1/31/09 | Wells Fargo | \$38705.77 |

Old Business

- **Hamline Site Visit-Feedback:** No report back yet, but reaction from around the school with staff, students and parents seems to indicate that it was a very positive visit

- **Board Assessment:** Generally, a couple of the 6 or so examples stood out. The Board decided to draft our own that will be an amalgam. Jo, Carrie, and Skip will work on the draft. The April board meeting is the goal to present the draft.
- **Annual Meeting-Review Schedule:** The Board reviewed plans for the February 27 Annual Meeting. The agenda for the meeting with topics and assignments was perused. It was agreed that Carrie would talk about charter school happenings around the state and ask for support.

New Business

- **Legislative Update:** The Board examined 2 documents: *Minnesota Association of Charter Schools: Primary Policy Messages* and *Minnesota Association of Charter Schools: 2009 Legislative Proposal—Major Components*. Discussion followed. The Board wondered how to get parents to interact with state legislators about the importance of charter schools. One suggestion was to use the Avalon website more effectively.

Review Strategic Planning Goals

Achievement Gap/Using Test Results

Space/Size-Short term goals

Long term goals

Retention-Attrition-Recruiting

Technology-Website: Regina suggested that a talented friend of hers might help us improve the Avalon School website. She was going to make the contact and we were to think about what we wanted in a website.

Open Forum

Meeting Adjourned: 7:13 p.m.

Board Training-Special Education Funding: Dean explained the document he brought that explained why there is special education funding, where does special education funding come from, how are the amounts determined, and who is involved in special education funding.

Next meeting: March 10, 2009

