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April 13, 2017 Board of Directors Business Meeting Minutes

5:30PM Room 120

School Mission Statement: STRIDE Academy nurtures individuals while fostering leadership and empowering students to attain their highest potential in a family-centered environment.

- I. Call to Order & Recitations
 - A. Call to Order: **All members present.**
Members of the public: Chuck Herdegen, Mandy Sadlo, Jamie Goebel, Julie Butkowski, Mike Butkowski, Becki Peterson, Jim Peterson, Shelley Krueger, Ryan Krueger, Melissa Ritter, Elizabeth Price, Kristi Scheskie, Rebecca Schmitz, Cortney Ryan, Caroline Ruegemer, Rob Vix, Doug Millaway, Melissa Stowe, Karlena Zinken, Ileana Merten, Willow Flaherty, Kelly Meyer, Danielle Knosalla, Juanita Hechtel, Nancy Stellmach, Katy Westlund, Larry McKenzie, Amanda Voigt, Rochelle Berger, Dennis Berger.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Mission Statement of STRIDE Academy
- II. Approval of Board Agenda and Minutes
 - A. Approval of Agenda: **Motion to approve made by Weappa, seconded by Ringsmuth, Motion Carries**
 - B. Approval of Minutes – March 30, 2017 Meeting (Document A1)
Approval of Minutes-April 6, 2017 Meeting (Document A2)
Motion to approve March 30, 2017 and April 6, 2017 made by Medford, seconded by Morrighan. Motion carries.
- III. Public Comment (3 minutes per person) **Comments were heard from many members of the public regarding concerns around the decision made by FOE and the process used to make the decision. Members of the public commenting were: Willow Flaherty, Tim**

Johnson, Melissa Stowe, Doug Millaway, Rebecca Schmitz, Melissa Ritter, Elizabeth Price, Kelly Meyer, Shelley Krueger, Dennis Berger, Katy Westlund, Caroline Ruegemer, Nancy Stellmach.

- V. Consent Agenda:
 - A.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Academics and Achievements Committee – Schwieters & Schraut**
 - **Preliminary MCA scores will be available April 24.**
 - **Math Director provided details**
 - **No literacy report**
 - **Schraut feels guided reading is unclear for teachers**
 - **Directors needed in the classrooms**
 - **Dr. Peterson has changes planned**
 - ~~B. By Laws and Policy Committee – Schraut and Morrighan~~
 - C. Communications Committee- Fromm & Medford**
 - **Discussion about communicating both outcomes of renewal**
 - ~~D. Personnel Committee – Ringsmuth & Schwieters~~
- VII. Working Group Reports:
 - ~~A. Elections – Weappa~~
 - ~~B. Facilities – Schwieters~~
- VIII. Treasurers/Finance Report:
 - ~~A. Financial Statements~~
 - ~~B. Management Reports~~
 - ~~C. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – Schraut & Weappa~~
- IX. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Group Insurance Bids
 - **Fromm asks Herdegen for an overview**
 - **School won't have a group after June 30**
 - **Increase of 9% with HealthPartners**
 - **Increase of 4% with Blue Cross**
 - **Fromm's opinion is to stay with HealthPartners**
 - **Motion to stay with HP made by Schraut, Seconded by Morrighan. Motion carries.**
- X. New Business:
 - A. Corporation Legal Matters
 - i. Notice from Authorizer/Friends of Education
 - **Fromm echoes the sentiments of the parents**

- **Fromm has been speaking with Antonio Cordova from Pillsbury United Communities. Fromm will be continuing this conversation.**
- **Medford thinks it is very clear the FOE decision was made in November**
- **Weappa doesn't think FOE understands our community**
- **Schraut doesn't remember a time Topoluk observed instruction**
- **Ringsmuth has been in contact with legislators**
- **Schwieters will continue to work with Fromm on MDE angle**
- **Morrighan feels that although the situation is tragic, it was made on pure data. Wants to focus on students.**
 - ii. **Communication Review (to date)**
 - iii. **Dissolution of 317A**

B. Board

- i. **Establish board committee to oversee dissolution**
 - **Brad Blue advises board to form closure committee as is required by statute. Closure committee will be Schraut, Herdegen, Morrighan and Medford.**
- ii. **Reserve funds, \$50K**
 - **Brad Blue advises the board to open a reserve funds account as per statute. These funds would be the last and used in case of an emergency. Motion to put \$50,000 in a reserve account made by Weappa, seconded by Ringsmuth. Motion carries with Schwieters voting Nay.**
- iii. **Extension of D. Peterson contract**
 - **Brad Blue proposes a contract that would keep Dr. Peterson on until June 30, 2017. Motion to extend contract with Dr. Peterson until Jun 30 2017 made by Schraut, Seconded by Morrighan. Motion carries.**
- iv. **Contract with NEST to manage dissolution/closure**
 - **Brad Blue proposes a contract with NEST to oversee the Dissolution of the school. Nancy Dana would be the consultant in charge of the closure. Motion to enter a contract with NEST for closure made by Morrighan, seconded by Medford. Motion carries.**

B. Meeting Time/Date Change

- **Schwieters asks that board meeting time be moved back to 6 pm. It is also mentioned that the meeting on June 8 2017 will have to be cancelled due to it being a music concert night for the school. Motion to change meeting time back to 6 pm with every meeting being a business meeting, as well as cancelling the June 8, 2017 meeting made by Morrighan, seconded by Weappa. Motion Carries.**

XII. Executive Director's Report:

- **Dr. Peterson's focus will be on quality instruction right up to the end.**
- **He has reached out to Tami DeLand at 742. She has made great strides to welcome our students.**
- **Will be re-aligning job responsibilities**
- **Re-structuring of Director positions will occur**
- **Working with HR**
- **Thinking about how to end the year**
- **Advises we can stop enrollment with a board vote, and requests enrollment be closed on 4/18/2017**
- **Motion to end enrollment 4/18/2017 made by Schraut, seconded by Ringsmuth. Motion carries.**
- **Will be working with HR on School Nurse vacancy**

XIII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting Adjourned **7:23 pm**

STRIDE Academy Board Standing Sub Committees: **Bold denotes Chairperson**

1. **FINANCE: Monica Schraut and Brian Weappa**, Mary Swanson, Chuck Herdegen, Brian Weappa, Rodger Vix, James Morrighan, Mandy Sadlo, Ileana Merten, Jamie Goebel, Dave Peterson

2. **PERSONNEL: Natalie Ringsmuth and Nathan Schwieters**, Sara Fromm, Dan Thole, Lesley Burandt, Mary Swanson, Beth McLean, Ileana Merten, Dave Peterson

3. **STRIDE BY-LAWS AND POLICY: James Morrighan and Monica Schraut**, Ileana Merten, Doug Millaway, Chuck Herdegen, Dave Peterson

4. **COMMUNICATION: Melissa Medford & Sara Fromm**, Melissa Ritter, Dawn Zimmerman, Tim Johnson, Valerie Weyer, Mandy Sadlo, Natalie Ringsmuth, Becky Martinez, Jeremiah Ringsmuth

5. **ACADEMICS AND ACHIEVEMENT: Monica Schraut and Nathan Schwieters**, Jamie Goebel, Mary Swanson, Margaux Hylla, Sheena Schraut, Kim Whaley, Trisha Pankonen, Kelli Schuh, Dave Peterson, Doug Millaway, Britt O'Neal, Lisa Otte