

Waitsfield Elementary Board of School Directors
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2017
Waitsfield School Library

Attendees: Christine Sullivan, Barclay Rappeport, Kaiya Korb, Jonathon Goldhammer, Jeremy Gulley

6:32pm – Call to order

No additions or edits to the agenda.

Audience and Written Communication: Kaiya recently gave a tour to a new family: “Please pass along to the staff and community that they enjoyed the warm environment of the school; it is apparent throughout the building.”

Local Advisory Council: A proposal was shared from the HUUSD board regarding local advisory councils (LAC) to ensure that there was a way for a LAC to be heard at the HUUSD level. Discussion was surrounding the PTA vs the LAC and possibly bringing the two together, with the goal of strengthening both and utilizing the structures that we already have in place in our schools. Kaiya has spoken with the PTA about this possibility with the idea of the first shared purpose meeting being in September 2017.

Approve Meeting Minutes: Jonathan moved to approve the minutes from March 20, 2017 meeting. Jeremy 2nd. Unanimous acceptance.

Approve Board Orders:

Jonathon moved to accept the board vouchers: 1148 in amount \$30615.05, 1141 in the amount \$10,868.81, 1134 in the amount \$47,332.88. Christine 2nd, unanimous acceptance.

Jonathon moved to approve the board order 1155 for \$17471.64, Christine 2nd. Unanimous acceptance.

Set June Meeting Date: There will be no meeting in June unless an issue of business arises.

Financial & Facilities Report: HVAC system planned maintenance was completed and paid for from facility reserve fund. There will still be drainage work done this fiscal year which is planned for immediately after school lets out in June. This will address the water seepage into the French room. For the next fiscal year the tile and carpet in that classroom will be replaced. Financials - Currently we are anticipating a fund balance of around \$12-13,000. This balance will roll into HUUSD.

Principal's report: We have gained 5 new students in the past three weeks. Additionally several preschool children have appeared for next year. There are many special events going on: The Bridge Street Art Fair was a success, thanks to the leadership of Nora Mcdonough. Kindergarten step up is coming up. Incoming Kindergarten orientation will be done via drop-in for this year rather than a formal gathering. 5th & 6th grade play is the 19th/20th of May. The search for a play director was very difficult this year. The schedule for next year has been done. Health instruction will be different next year to account for the curriculum length. Next year there will be a regular PE class and then a separate PE/Health class which will run for an hour. This will result in fewer transitions for kids. First draft of placements has been done but will be affected by school choice. Preschool we estimate 11 students for one class and 12 for another. Kaiya has been working with the administrative team on a long range plan for preschool to bring consistency across the HUUSD; this plan will be shared with the HUUSD board in late June.

School choice – our current incoming Kindergarten class is 19 students. There is resident family not attending and one non-resident family attending. This will result in one classroom with a teacher with classroom assistance. For other

classes there has been movement in both directions. Kaiya has given many tours to families new to the Valley or second homeowners who are considering moving to the Valley based on school choice being available.

Graduation – June 14th. Jeremy and Eva will be in attendance and participate in the graduation ceremony.

Teachers will be at school for four in-service days after the end of school.

HUUSD Report: The board is working on norms and governance. There will be a board retreat in the fall. Budgeting is beginning for the following year as well.

Executive Session: none requested

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16. Barclay moved to adjourn, Jonathon 2nd Unanimous acceptance.