

Governing Council Minutes
October 16, 2007

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Susana Hildebrand.

Approval of Minutes

Dewayne Jones motioned to table the approval of minutes from 7/24/07, 7/26/07, 8/21/07, and 8/30/07 meetings were tabled until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Pfaff. Motion passed. Michael Kamen motioned to approve the minutes of the 9/18/07 meeting with changes. Craig Shempert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PVC Reports

No PVC report was presented

Public Input

No public input was given.

Report of Burglary of High School Facility

Teresa Elliott informed the council that the high school had been broken into over the prior weekend. The extent of items stolen or damaged was minimal, less than \$5,000, however the contents of the laptops stolen included the personal identification information for employees of NYOS and the other schools in the business cooperative. Teresa reported that she has contacted ADT about getting a security system installed in the building. It appears that a new lock installed during the break was faulty. Cothron's lock and key is replacing the lock. Adjusters are expected to visit within a week. A detective from Austin Police Department will be assigned later.

Financial Report

Amendment to Operating Budget

Teresa Elliott presented an amendment to the operating budget using current funding levels provided by the Texas Education Agency. Increases in the budget included: additional Technology support, Special Education consultants, as well as accommodating the new fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. Dewayne Jones motioned to approve the budget amendment as recommended. The motion was seconded by Michael Kamen. Motion passed.

Acquisition of 15-passenger Vans

Teresa Elliott reported that in researching the acquisition of 15-passenger vans she learned that state may be outlawing the use of these vehicles to the same extent as the 18-passenger vans were outlawed for school use. The recommendation is to continue searching for a vehicle that will meet the needs of our school and not to pursue 15-passenger vans at this time.

Resolution for join the Region 4 Texas Cooperative Purchasing Network

Bill Pfaff motioned for NYOS to join the TCPN at no cost in order to enjoy cost savings in most of our school services. Valerie Sterne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Annual Governance Report

Teresa Elliott disseminated hardcopy forms for council members to fill out. She will type the data in the electronic form and get back to council members for their signatures. The form is due November 1 to the Texas Education Agency.

Highly Qualified Teacher Report

Teresa Elliott reported that NYOS reported only one non-highly qualified teacher on the annual NCLB HQ Teacher Report. The administrative team will begin addressing the corrective action plans that will be required as a result.

Committee Reports

Finance - The finance committee confirmed that the accounting software had been ordered and that additional hardware was not required. Julie Atchley asked how NYOS divides non-Title I revenue between schools. Susana Hildebrand requested that the Finance Committee look into the matter and report back to the board.

Management - The Management committee has acquired a laptop and project management software for the administration to utilize.

Communications - The Communications committee has not met since their initial meeting. Teresa will contact the chair to schedule the next meeting. Susana Hildebrand reminded Teresa of the need for a sign at Magnolia (in Spanish and English).

Nominations - Craig Shempert reported that he has received nominations from one teacher and two parents. Biographies are due October 18. The sample ballot will be mailed on October 21, with the election scheduled for October 31.

Student Growth - Dewayne Jones reported that the committee has met to continue to develop and hone the recommendation to move grades 4 and 5 to the Magnolia campus. A town hall meeting will be held on November 8 for parents to hear the recommendation and offer feedback on the proposal. The meeting should be held prior to the next council meeting.

Student Recruitment - Valerie Sterne presented a Yahoo map of our student population to identify areas for direct marketing for new students.

Multicultural - Michael Kamen reported that the committee was planning a multicultural fair to show student work on the subject in spring of 2008, chaired by Elizabeth Petty. Dr. Alicia Moore of Southwestern University will conduct a staff development on November 16 for all NYOS employees. The committee will also start meeting on a monthly, versus weekly basis. The next meeting of the committee is set for November 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Bond Construction and Oversight - This committee has not yet met.

Announcement of next regularly scheduled meeting - November 13, 2007

Executive Session

The council went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss the Elementary Principal Performance Evaluation. Invited guests were Teresa Elliott and Terry Berkenhoff. No formal action was required. The council exited executive session at 8:45 p.m.

The council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.