

Board of Goversnors
SOBRIETY HIGH SCHOOL
Central Office 4:00 – 6:00pm
Minutes, January 17, 2007

Members attending: Peggy Hunter, Alan Braun, Curt Knutson, Lee Wignall, Mary Hoelscher, Bryan Pepper,
Chad Benesh, Larry Schmidt, Michele Milan, Lyle Taipale
Guests: Laura Hoenack, Craig Swanson, Judi Hanson

4:00 Call to Order

Peggy Hunter

Approvals

- Agenda
- Notes from December 20, 2006 meeting with Chuck Spieker, MDE Finance

A motion to approve the agenda and notes was made and seconded.

Action: Adopted

Introduction to Beth Zemsky, new interim executive director for Sobriety High Foundation.

Audit Report

Jim Eichten

- FY06 Audit
 - MN Dept of Education and the office of the state auditor require an annual audited financial report to be submitted by the school.
 - MMKR issued an unqualified opinion with one exception. Jim recommended that Sobriety High School move away from reliance on Sobriety High Foundation for day to day operations.
 - A copy of this FY05 audit is in the archive of these minutes

A motion to approve the FY06 audit was made and seconded.

Action: Adopted

Campus Reports

- North Summit
 - Enrollment
 - 12 females, 20 males
 - 15 seniors, 8 juniors, 9 sophomores, 0 freshman
 - Changes
 - 8 enrollment meetings have taken place since the last Board meeting
 - 9 new students have enrolled
 - 15 students have left:
 - 3 re-entered treatment
 - 7 returned to using with no motivation to be sober at the time
 - 2 felt ready to return to mainstream high school
 - Outreach
 - A parent and student spoke at Anthony Louis Center in Blaine in December
 - Tonight, Kellie is speaking at Anthony Louis Center in Woodbury to parents and students both in treatment and aftercare
 - School visited by social worker from New Jersey who wants to open a recovery school.
 - Kellie spoke with counselor at Fairview Maplewood
 - 2 Washington county school CD counselors came to visit school
 - Highlights
 - Student council

Kellie Lund

- School store is earning money
- Dance during winter break
- In restorative justice process with church due to some accidental damage from dance
- Planning pizza party
- Prepared 2 excellent holiday meals for school community
- Working on sweatshirt sales
- PSA
 - Wonderful volunteer coordinator heading up many initiatives to enhance the school. Much more parent involvement this year. Community night plans taking shape.
- Campus Board
 - Clarifying mission, commitments, and involvement and recruiting new members
 - 1 new board member to begin for March meeting
- Academics
 - Students working hard to complete 2nd quarter and prepare for BSTs
- Community struggled with relapses and unity, but bonded well just prior to holidays
- Field trip tomorrow to National Geographic Live
- Campus board hosted a successful senior lunch
- Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder staff workshop held on 1/15

Mary Popelka

- Arona

- Enrollment
 - 38 students currently enrolled
 - 15 females, 23 males
 - 18 seniors, 12 juniors, 6 sophomores, 2 freshman
- Changes
 - 4 pending enrollments (they are scheduled to start 1/22/07)
 - 5 students have left.
- Outreach
 - Students presented at Anthony Louis Treatment Center
 - We continue to get many of our referrals from ALC and Fairview Chisago Lakes
- Highlights
 - Student leadership organization
 - School store is starting to make money after repaying the initial investment
 - Campus board
 - We have 2 committed members on our campus board. We have yet to formally meet, but they are both already actively helping us replenish our supplies.
 - Academics
 - Katie Gruchalla, our science teacher, will be full time at Arona beginning this quarter.

Judi Hanson

- West

- Enrollment
 - 53 students currently enrolled
 - 1 freshman, 5 sophomores, 19 juniors, 27 seniors
- Changes
 - 3 new students beginning next week
- Highlights
 - Electives classes of drama, band, yoga, physical education are wrapping up
 - PTO
 - Planning all night party
 - 2 parents cleaned all carpets during break, 2 others cleaned bathrooms
 - Student council

- Did well on cookie dough sale
- Seniors
 - Busy applying to college
- 2 students enrolled in PSEO
- Campus board
 - The board wrapped presents at Borders books to earn some funds, they gifted the money to the PTO.
- ABC News will be out to the school next Tuesday to do a follow up to an earlier story.

• Alliance

Mary Breitenbucher

- 57 students enrolled
 - 25 with special education needs, 25 seniors
 - Intakes happening regularly
- Board
 - Has been meeting regularly, trying to formalize the role of the group
 - Trying to do some fundraising
 - Bryan printed up business cards for the board

Consent Agenda

Curt Knutson

- Treasurer's report
 - Finance committee meeting minutes
 - Meeting held by teleconference.
 - Memorandum from Curt available in the archive of these minutes
 - *Electronic Funds Transfers, Check registers, review of transactions and receipts*
- Personnel actions
 - Allie Halverson is returning from her leave, first day back is 1/22/07. The payback of her portion of the employee benefits will be prorated throughout the balance of the year. She is returning to the same position she left, but she is interested in changing her position. This will include having Jim Arnold part time at West to fill out the position
 - Resignation of Jim Evanoff.
 - Amy Moore has agreed to a position reduction. Amy's position will be filled by Joseph Sales, a licensed social studies and EBD teacher.
 - Noel Teppo's position will be continued for the balance of the year. He is 100% special education para, so 68% of his salary is reimbursed by federal special education funding.
- Policy 208: Policy Development (2nd review)
- Revised Grading policy (1st review)
- By-laws approval

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made and seconded.

Action: Adopted

Chair's Report

Peggy Hunter

- SOD Plan and discussion
 - Delivered to the dept of education on schedule. The plan will be approved by the end of January. It included all of the elements decided on by the board. A copy was available for review.

A motion to delegate authority to the SOD committee to receive comments from MDE and make necessary amendments and changes to the plan and resubmit, providing there are no material changes was made and seconded.

Action: Adopted

- Election of board

