Intrepid Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Began at 12:10pm

Attendees: John, Joe, Jonathan, Tiffany, Mia, Tizgel, Ryan

Ended at: 1:30pm

Minutes/Schedule/Events

* First day of school is July 30.
  + Board members are invited to attend as cheerleaders. Grassy knoll on other end of sidewalk. Suggested arrival time of 7am.
* Honor Code ceremony is September 9.
* Mia will share schedule of staff “pit stops” with Board. Board wants to show support.
* Board voted to approve last month’s minutes, with minor correction that Ryan will make and then recirculate corrected minutes.

Intrepid Performance Report

* Hiring:
  + Shan Foster is new hire for Teachings and Solutions Fellow.
  + We need to hire a bus driver. Must have CDL license and P and S endorsements. We posted on state website. Mia is sifting through online resume banks. Alice (teacher) has friends who are bus drivers. We need to hire by Friday.
  + We need math teacher. One of our math teachers resigned because of concerns about rigor of schedule. TNTP is supportive. Mia is confident we will find someone.
* Prepster recruitment:
  + 94 total complete enrollment packets received.
  + We are extending offers to 4 more students on wait list, so we will reach 98 students for first day. We have 41 on our wait list, and 8 who are ready to enroll.
  + 71 prepsters came to Parent University B. Mia’s team has contacted the families who are enrolled but did not attend. A few withdrew, but most stated that they forgot or missed for another reason, and Mia’s team is meeting with them.
  + Mia’s team will be phone banking and canvassing on 7/30 and 7/31 for any prepsters who missed Day 1.
  + Mia’s team will send daily or weekly “census” email to Board with numbers of students who are in attendance.

Committee Updates

* Governance.
  + Mia asked Board attorneys to recommend language for Student and Family Handbook and Personnel Policy regarding possession of weapons. Ryan drafted proposed language. Joe will search MNPS policy.
  + Board discussed the school’s protocol for security incidents and the idea of building a relationship with the local police precinct for patrolling, visits, etc.
* Finance.
  + Finance Committee is asking Eric with EdTech for a 5-year budget and to include contingency budgets based on enrollments of 70 and 80 students. Our cash flow reports demonstrates that cash flow will be tight in August.
* Development.
  + Board is considering engaging someone on the outside to help us raise money. We are reaching out to Kathy Tompkins and Susan Holt to potentially help and/or put us in contact with other people who could help.
  + We are waiting to hear back about grants that we’ve applied for.
* AACE.
  + First interim assessments will be taken on September 18 and 19. We will have baseline data in the near future, and Mia will report it to AACE Committee. AACE Committee will then report student data dashboard to Board.