

## **SouthWest Metro Educational Cooperative - District 6088**

Foundation Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:30 PM

SouthWest Metro Educational Cooperative

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

Laurie called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### **2. INTRODUCTION OF PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

Laurie welcomed back Tracy and Sara and welcomed Mary Nelson to the group. Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves to Mary.

Lesley will work on an updated Board Roster.

### **3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES**

**Board Vote Needed**

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

John moved to approve the minutes, Mary second, approved unanimously.

### **4. FINANCE REPORT - APPROVAL OF JANUARY FINANCIALS**

**Board Vote Needed**

Lesley will have available at the meeting

Presenter: Lesley Chester

John moved to approve the minutes, Mary second, approved unanimously.

Lesley brought up the need to have a better tracking system for donor information and recommended Results Plus by Metafile (located in Rochester Minnesota). The group agreed to the idea, but would like some more research. Lesley will research further and bring back to the Executive Committee.

### **5. GOOD TO GO KIDS UPDATE**

Presenter: Lesley Chester

Only activity is checks for Second Harvest Heartland and Good to Move Contractors.

The board would like to have Mary and Pati attend a future board meeting to present an update for the board. Lesley will make arrangements to attend a future board meeting.

### **6. POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

**BOARD ACTION NEEDED – VOTE TO APPROVE WHISTLEBLOWER AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES**

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

During the discussion, it was brought up about trying to recruit an attorney to the board. The recommendation was to reach out to Darren. Lesley will contact Darren about potential prospects.

John moved to approve the Whistleblower Policy contingent on legal counsel review, Mary second, approved unanimously.

John moved to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy contingent on legal counsel review, Mary second, approved unanimously.

### **6.5 NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Presenter: Laurie Gauer

During the meeting both Tracy and Sara expressed interest in formally joining the board.

John moved to accept Tracy and Sara as members of the board, Mary second, approved unanimously.

7. TEACHER APPRECIATION

RECAP OF DATE CHANGE AND DISCUSS IDEAS FOR IMPLEMENTATION (FOOD, TABLEWARE, ETC, DRAWINGS)

The board will sponsor the food. Board Members will indicate if they are available to help serve the lunch. A couple members presented ideas and will look into items for a drawing. We will decorate the tables with table clothes and flowers.

The date is Wednesday, June 8 from Noon – 2:30 p.m. at the 401 Building.

8. COMMITTEE UPDATES AND BREAK OUT WORK

Committees will take 10 – 15 minutes to break out and get up to speed after the holiday and identify dates and activities for remainder of the year.

Gala Committee is meeting after the board meeting. Executive Committee is continuing work on Bylaws review and bringing policies to the board meetings for review and approval. Scholarship Committee meets in March after the applications are due. See Save the Date for the Scholarship Interviews and Awards Breakfast.

9. UPDATE: SCHOOL BOARD, TEACHERS, ETC.

Update from Teachers - Renee Lips Bush

Update from School Board - John Weinand

Update from Co-op Administration - Darren Kermes

10. OTHER

Presenter: Lesley Chester

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Tuesday, April 7, 2016, Tuesday, April 12, Wednesday, April 13, and Thursday, April 14 8:00 – Noon – Scholarship Candidate Interviews

Thursday, May 26, 2016 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. – Scholarship Award Breakfast

Dates were also put on the Google Calendar for the Spring Graduations

Sara brought up the Geek Squad Academy that provides tech education and assistance. Ginger will look into it further for the Co-op.

11. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

John moved to adjourn, Mary second.

Meeting adjourned at 5.50 p.m.