May 28, 2019

Wyoming Valley Montessori School Annual community meeting

Members in attendance: Eric Bleiler, Brian Stanchak, Adrienne Asbury, Monica Han, Salvatore Deluca, Dennis Puhalla, Charlene Decker and in total 15 parents

Absent: Justin Nordstrom, Eileen Sennett, H. Chris Kang, Wesley Woo, James Murphy, Valeria Sartor

Meeting was called to order at 9:31

1. Eric Bleiler gave a brief summary of the year
   a. Noted the year started with the school in a strong financial position and the board had worked hard over last 5 years to build reserves. Most recently high near capacity enrollment helped this as well as Charlene and administration doing a great job to control expenses. The board also has continued to make it a priority to invest in the teachers and was following the multi year plan of increasing their compensation.
   b. The replacement of both play grounds has been approved and the work was set to start and be completed in June.
   c. After a great deal of analysis and consideration, the building renovation project had been approved and architecture drawings should be ready in June and work is estimated to start in the spring of next year.
   d. Eric thanked the administration, teachers, and board members for all their hard work.

2. Eric distributed the new internet safety policy that would be included in the handbook. He also mentioned the basics of this policy and asked if anyone had questions for wanted to discuss it. No one had any questions or discussion.

3. Eric indicated that the board had approved an amendment to the by-laws. This amendment allowed seasonal employees to serve on the board. It was simply making a change to the current over restrictive by laws related to this area and would enable the board to have former teachers as members and generally avail more talent board. However, if a former teacher would be needed to substitute he or she would now not be precluded from doing so. The new change would require any potential seasonal employee serving on the board to abstain from any board votes related to administration issue. Eric asked if anyone had any objection to this change. None were made, so the change will be implemented.

4. Eric distributed ballots for the community parent members to vote for each of the 6 new board candidates. Adrienne and Salvatore tallied the votes and each of the 6 candidates were approved (David Abdalla, Sander Gottlieb, Chris Yarden Keren, Tim Maloney, Kimberly Pickereign, Ann Tihansky). There were 15 parent members present and voting. This was greater than the 10% required of 130 enrolled students.

5. Meeting was adjourned at 9:47