

Board of Stewards Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Meeting commenced at 6:00 p.m. and ended at 7:30 p.m.

Persons in attendance: Craig Richmond, Alison Bailey, Candace Jahnke, Gail Giandonato and Ruth Bond

Persons absent: Gerund Coomprom & Brenda Nordstrom

The minutes from the last meeting, September 9, 2008 were approved and accepted with no changes.

The following issues were discussed:

1. The current student count is 210! Board voted to close enrollment as of October 1st, 2008.
2. Patti Severance and Lynn Storey were given full-time status and have full rosters.
3. Kevin Shepherd and the Kevlors system were discussed.
 - Kevin and Laddie were to provide the software tool, MVV-HCP to be the beta tester. It was a mutual endeavor so that we could provide feedback.
 - \$35,000 allotted to be paid out at increments throughout the school year. Currently \$1,000 per month being paid. They will administer for one full year.
 - BOS feels the need to clarify what will be charged to us next year as well as the process by which changes can be made to the system. Need to have a point person to share problems with the system with Kevin.
4. Linda Skinner, an RC, presented information on two online high school course systems: Nova Net and Odysseyware.
 - Odysseyware appears to be cheaper, but is slower.
 - NovaNet can be used either by CD or through a portal. Portals can be purchased by the school, by families or through the school district (GJ High school has 40 currently).
 - Purchasing a portal costs \$1260 – better deal if purchased through the district.
 - If portal was housed at the office would need to be used by students according to a schedule to allow each to work one at a time.
 - Can also access the current portals if use between 3 – 5 p.m. at GJ high school for the cost of a crossover class.
 - NovaNet offers a wide menu, offers CSAP & ACT preparation, places students in specific courses according to their level as tested and increases options for high schoolers.
 - BOS agrees that this is worth researching further as we need more options for coursework for high schoolers.
5. Discussed need for science lab classes, advanced math classes and curriculum swap opportunities.
6. Funding Administrator has been hired: Tom Atkinson who has a Masters in Business.
7. Family Advocate has also been hired: Diane Riro who has a Teaching degree and experience with at-risk students.
8. Discussed an increase in pay for the Office Manager. BOS proposed and voted to raise her hourly wage to \$14.00 per hour based upon the amount of responsibility, work load and her

outstanding performance in these busy months. This raise will be effective October 1st, 2008.

9. A few questionable funding items were discussed such as Sylvan Learning Center and Maintenance Agreements for computers – both were deemed acceptable purchases. From here on out, Tom Atkinson will handle these issues with the Funding Committee.

Next BOS Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 6:30 p.m.