

**Present:** Tim Dutton, John Rodriguez, Jacquie Marumoto, Sandy Lefkowitz, Rachel Allison, Kit Kaolian, Dolores Fuller, Celeste Markle, Michael Bologna, Vince Musto, and Wendy Philips.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

1. **Public comment:** No public comment

2. **Approval of minutes from previous (October) meetings:** Motion for approval of minutes was granted.

3. **Old Business:** No old business

4. **Status report and update on school:** There have been minor disciplinary issues with the high school, some solved with suspension. In the middle school the climate has been very calm, there are few students that need to be redirected because of their behavior. Morning circle is showing some improvement in aiding to help keep the students behavior calm. Its allowing the students to grow comfortable with each other and hopefully will teach the students how to be more comfortable being in their own skin. Parent teacher conferences will be held at the end of this week.

5. **Personnel (Fingerprint report, early retirement plan, new teachers, etc...):** We have had our first board member take and pass the fingerprint process. The early retirement plans are still being looked into, more information will be available in future meetings. The new teachers are still showing promise, proving to be valuable additions to our Bridge Academy staff.

6. **Governing council update (Quarterly meeting, Bob Selverstone:** The Board members that weren't able to attend the previous Governing Council meeting that had guest Bob Selverstone, were given a brief summary of the activity that was conducted; along with the hand-outs that were given that day. This was to give the Board members the ability to conduct the activity at home.

7. **Emergency Plans and procedures:** Bags filled with: maps, procedures, job duties, class student lists and name tags have been given to every teacher and hang in every classroom. We are in the process of acquiring walkie talkies in extra preventative measures and there will be a practice drill coming up in about 2 weeks.

8. **Financial committee report:** The financial report showed a project surplus similar to last month. It was brought to the Board's attention options for the projected surplus should be thought of for possible use. Possibly for up and coming building renovations or to put it towards the early retirement plans. \*See attachment\*.

9. **Building Issues:** We have been approved for the security grant for new building renovations, as far as updating the security, getting new stronger steel doors and reconstructing the front entrance, so that there will be two doors to enter along with a window so that a visitor is visible before entrance. The Board discussed forming a building committee to handle the construction discussions. The Board asked for the School Director to write and distribute a short job description for Building Committee membership. Also there was a discussion as to whether or not the bid documents should be prepared by a contractor that would also bid on any part of the construction project. After a short discussion it was decided that any bid specifications should be designed by someone who will not be a part of any of the construction.

10. **Executive session:** No Executive session.

11. **Other New Business:** No New business.

12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm

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