

**Present:** Tim Dutton, Rachel Allison, Michael Bologna, John Rodriguez, Jesse Toro, Sandy Lefkowitz, Rachel Smith, Kit Kaolian, Wendy Phillips, Dee Fuller and Na'taya Riley.

**Absent:** Vik Muktavaram and Celeste Markle

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

- **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes)** No Public comment.
- **Approval of minutes from previous (June) meetings:** A motion to approve minutes was made and approved.
- **Old Business:** Governing Council meeting will be conducted forward by Na'Taya Riley. Students who completed summer requirements have passed. Restorative practice will be implemented during times of discipline as new practices.
- **Status report and update on school, school climate, end of year events:**

High School: We have 280 student enrolled. Almost 70% of the waitlists were accepted. The Special Education (SP ED) students percentage this year is between 18 to 19 percent which is 4% higher than usual; we are 7% higher than the state. Currently we have a greater number of newer students in high school than the middle school. It has been challenging trying to create relationships with the new high schoolers, some are still adjusting to the school. The school climate should stabilize in the next month in time for conferences. Restorative Practices are being incorporated and used; consideration of an orientation for all new students on the CPR and Restorative Practices will be considered.

Middle School: Smoother transition than the high school; More Special Education students are enrolled this year. NWEA There have been no suspensions. has also had a strong start to the year.
- **Personnel (Dutton), early retirement negotiation, part time SPED, new hires:**

The Science teacher will be back after the closing of the marking period. The current English sub is waiting for certification as a long term sub. A new full time Special Ed teacher has been hired at a salary of 47k; 45k reimbursement will be given from the state. We will be billing Bridgeport in November for the reimbursement for 2 Special Ed teachers and 4 paraprofessionals. The total is 190k reimbursement.
- **Special Education Memorandum of Understanding and building dispute:**
  7. **Renewal application and visit, Corrective Action Plan submitted and approved:** The school Corrective Action Plan has been approved; in December we will report on absolute scores and district scores; they are currently higher than those of the state.
  8. **Financial report, Budget for next year (for now same as this year) Current 2 month financial report:** We need to have a Treasurer to replace Jacquie Marumoto who will not be able to continue in that role due to illness. John Rodriguez will be speaking to a friend that may be interested and has the necessary skills. He will report back at the next Board Meeting. Vince Musto, and Sandy Lefkowitz were also looking into possible candidates.
  9. **Building issues (Dutton) Approval of contractor for office renovation, asbestos removal:**

Construction is not waiting for electrical and ceiling work. There are still 3 classrooms without phones; and we are close to on schedule with the cleaning budget.
  10. **Governing Council:** This past month we had an Open Community meeting and the topics revolved around the introduction of the newly implemented Restorative Practice
  11. **Executive session:** No executive session.
  12. **Other New Business:** Action box must be included on agenda as well as in the minutes.
  13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Date of resolution</b>
Jessy Toro	Touch base with parent volunteer on recruitment of other parent volunteers for school related activities.	11/13/2017
Jessy Toro	Present schedules of phone banks for Community Open meetings	11/13/2017
John Rodriguez, Vince Musto and Sandy Lefkowitz	Report on candidates for Treasurer	11/13/2017