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MEETING MINUTES

UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Main Building Room 1414

Board Members Present: Scott Williams, Eric Fitzsimons, Ryan Mayeda, Justin Nelson, Carol Riggs, Amanda Widel (Faculty Rep), Jeremy Betz (Student Rep),

Staff Members Present: Sue Toricelli, Jennifer Weaver, David Jones, Kyle Schuyler

6:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 6:00

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA - ERIC (CAROL) PASSED

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 [FEBRUARY 21, 2024](#)

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES - CAROL (JUSTIN) PASSED

3.2 [MARCH 1, 2024 WORK SESSION](#)

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES - ERIC (SCOTT) PASSED

4.0 COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

- NONE

5.0 BOOSTER CLUB

- Nate Whitcomb presents the booster club financials to the board. They are waiting till they collect all of the requests before they make any purchases or upgrades. The Dog Pound is partnering with the booster club to help students get the word out. Scholarships to graduates are currently open.

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Superintendent's Update

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6.2 Principal's Update - Kyle Schuyler

- Winter sports seasons wrapped up well and spring seasons are now underway. There are conversations about hosting more events like cross country meets next year. Several middle school students took part in the latest high school musical, "Legally Blonde." Choir and band has grown quite a bit this year as well. We recently hosted battle of the books and had awesome scores from the kids. The Dog Pound recently did a project for the middle school as well. There's a dance, writers workshop and a brain bowl coming up soon. CMAS testing is right around the corner. There will also be a career fair coming up in the middle school. 50 students had their artwork displayed on the community art show.

6.3 [Business Manager's Update](#)

7.0 ITEMS FOR ACTION

7.1 Consent Agenda: Board members will be asked if they wish to discuss any issues listed on the Consent Agenda. If so, these items will be moved from the Consent Agenda and placed under Items for Action. Items remaining on the Consent Agenda will be voted on together.

7.1.1 [Personnel](#)

7.1.2 Speech & Debate Omaha Trip (May 9-12)

- Motion to approve consent agenda - Carol (Justin) Passed

7.2 [2024-2025 STUDENT CALENDAR \(STAFF CALENDAR\)](#)

- MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CALENDARS - CAROL (ERIC) PASSED

7.3 Kindergarten addition

- Motion to approve the kindergarten addition - Eric (Justin) Passed

7.4 [SMART lab approval](#)

- Motion to approve the SMART lab - Eric (Scott) Passed

8.0 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

8.1 ATTENDANCE UPDATE

- SUPERINTENDENT WEAVER SHOWS THE BOARD SOME NATIONAL NUMBERS REGARDING CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM. NUMBERS HAVE GOTTEN A LITTLE BETTER EVERY YEAR SINCE COVID. HOWEVER, IT IS STILL AN ISSUE WE ARE WORKING TO FIX. SHE THEN SHARES SOME RESEARCH THAT SHOWS THE MAIN REASONS FOR ABSENCE, AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. A 4-PRONGED APPROACH IS RECOMMENDED - FAMILY PRACTICES, SOCIAL CAPITAL, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. PRINCIPAL SCHUYLER EXPLAINS A FEW STRATEGIES THAT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS IMPLEMENTED TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE.
- MEMBERS DISCUSS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS AND DIFFERENT WAYS WE CAN EQUIP TEACHERS TO PROMOTE CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE. THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT PLAY INTO CHRONIC ABSENCE INCLUDING COVID. MEMBERS SHARE SIMILAR EXPERIENCES IN EACH OF THEIR FIELDS AND BRAINSTORM POSSIBLE FACTORS THAT ADD TO THE PROBLEM. THEY DISCUSS THE CORRELATION BETWEEN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ATTENDANCE. MANY OF THE UPCOMING PROJECTS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO GIVING STUDENTS MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR BUY-IN. THEY DISCUSSED THE SCHOOL'S PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHRANGE AND THE NEW COUNSELOR/SOCIAL WORKER POSITIONS IN THE SCHOOL.

9.0 BOARD REPORTS/COMMUNICATION

9.1 BOG Report - Chairman

- Ryan just shares how proud he is of our school and how innovative University is.

9.2 Communication from the Board

- Jeremy Betz shares that everyone is “pushing for the end.” Students are entering that last push before graduation.
- Eric Fitzsimons shares about some new congruent enrollment programs that are getting rolled out. UNC business might be a future partnership in the works. Chevron agreed to give students a tour of their showrooms.
- Justin Nelson talks about his experience being a part of Read Across America and how much fun it was.
- Amanda Widel shares about Graduation and reminds the board to find people to participate in the upcoming career fair.
- Carol Riggs shares how she enjoyed “legally blonde.” She also suggests getting merchandise from the Dog Pound to summer reunions.

9.3 Joint Use Report

- none

9.4 Capitol Planning Report

- None

9.5 Fundraising Report

- None

10.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

10.1 [BOARD OF GOVERNORS- ELECTION TIMELINE](#)- APPROVE BALLOT

10.2 [STRATEGIC PLAN](#)- APPROVAL

11.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 10, 2024

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

- MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:47 - ERIC (JUSTIN) PASSED