

BTN Board Meeting March 24, 2010

5:00 Meeting called to order. In attendance: Eric Rice, Bresean Jenkins, Matt Wernsdorfer, Chrissa Carlson, Helen Atkinson, Martrice Gandy, Garey Hyatt, Kristine Sieloff, Erik Sunday, Connexions principal Kia Harper, Independence principal Kelly Caswell.

Connexions budget questions - dedicated to PD, including masters' classes for arts teachers; contingency planning included because so many factors are undetermined (grants, staffing). Green is non-negotiable overhead and red indicates some flexibility.

Eric moves to approve budget with caveat that we keep an eye on it for changes. Matt recommends a 5% cushion built into the budget.

Motion seconded, passed unanimously.

Employee EOC complaint - Staff member who is demanding ADA accommodations due to carbon monoxide poisoning; Jerome Jones from the Board is the point person for pursuing non-renewal.

Some discussion of two staff members' responsibilities violations.

Getting parent input on budget - commendable.

Connexions has to submit bell schedule; will affect buses; has to go through "principal" - Eric Rice will take that on.

Discussions with Kim Lewis about accepting our recommendations for new schools' leadership. Kia and Kelly cannot upload to OMPS because only Helen had that authority.

Independence Report: SER outcomes were favorable except for collection and use of data and challenging higher lever thinking with students; sets agenda for future PD. Staff is on board with the findings.

Move to approve budget as planning document, same caveat as Connexions.

Motion seconded, passed unanimously.

5:44 Charter Coalition Issues

Eric Rice attending teacher leadership meetings at Connexions re: teacher morale. Sounds like there is core of people who are ready to move forward and have written bylaws and changed their name from Eight Is Enough to Teacher Leadership Committee.

We need a board member who is able to attend the Charter Coalition meeting on Tuesday the 25th.

Charter operators invited to attend the meeting at North Avenue with the Interim CEO Tisha Edwards on Thursday the 27th.

BTN may want to seek a middle ground regarding the funding issue. We may not want to sign on to the document that the lawyers for the Charter Coalition are putting together.

5:53 Meeting Adjourned