

****Draft**** Board Meeting Minutes 11/12/24

Location: High School, Rm2

Members Present: Dr. Bob Ziemer, Jim Hilton, Danise Tomlin

Board Resources: Adam Hess, Michael Bazemore

HCOE Liaison:

Board Secretary: Letty Podesta

Guests: Amy Taylor, Paloma Rollings

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 pm.

Public Comments

Paloma Rollings commented on Opera Together. She stated that there was a good turn out and that the kids were talented.

Reports and Discussion

The board briefly reviewed the previous meeting minutes.

The board briefly reviewed the warrants. Bob Ziemer informed the board of a mistake in the October warrants. The rent for the United Methodist Church is labeled for October 2025 instead of October 2024.

Adam Hess shared with the board that the annual Halloween House was especially fun this year. Students did a great job and implemented positive leadership. NPA 6th through 8th grades attended and the 3rd and 4th graders from Trinidad School attended the event as well.

Adam Hess informed the board that the Organic Matters pumpkin patch visit was a successful trip. The high school students were well behaved and learned about organic farming practices. Paloma Rollings commented that her 10th grader comes home so happy and delighted that they get to participate in these events.

Adam Hess reported that volleyball season ended a couple of weeks ago. Amy Taylor commented that she was the assistant coach for the junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams. Although the teams could use new uniforms, the players were fantastic and played well.

Adam Hess reported that cross country is ending this weekend and there will possibly be a co-ed team for this basketball season. Students express interest in basketball, but don't always commit to playing. This has resulted in the possible need for a co-ed team.

Adam Hess reported that Opera Together! put on a great performance of *La Cenerentola*. The next day they performed for the middle school. A group of high school students also went to San Francisco for a rehearsal performance of *Carmen* before the opera went live. Special thanks to Jean Bazemore for planning, hosting, and coordinating the event.

Michael Bazemore reported that the fall literature seminars and parent evenings went extremely well. The level of participation/achievement was how it was prior to Covid for both series of events.

Amy Taylor reported that the NPA Parent Organization meeting had a lot of attendees. The organization had a combination of middle and high school parents. Amy Taylor expressed that the organization is in some need of leadership. The board discussed some solutions to this and expressed that they wanted parents to feel empowered to take on necessary roles/responsibilities in the organization.

The board briefly discussed the previously identified fall semester stipends.

The board reviewed the lease rental agreement for the Annex property. Bob commented that the rent was going up from \$3,755 to \$4,500. It was clarified that the reason for this increase was due to the fact that taxes and insurance are now included in the total. The foundation is considering refinancing the loan to pass on savings to the school.

Action Items

Jim Hilton moved to approve the previous meeting minutes with minor changes. Bob Ziemer seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes.

Danise Tomlin moved to approve the consent warrants. Jim Hilton seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Jim Hilton moved to approve the previously identified and allocated fall semester stipends. Bob Ziemer seconded the motion. The board approved the fall semester stipends.

Danise Tomlin moved to approve the lease agreement for the Annex property. Jim Hilton seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the lease agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.