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CABOT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 3, 2014, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Cabot School Library

PRESENT: Chris Tormey, Sharon O'Connor, Paul Stecker, Jackie Folsom, Ry Hoffman;
Administration: Nancy Thomas, Superintendent; Karen Stewart, Principak; Pat Knoerl,
Curriculum Director; Student Representatives: Cassandra Morse; Absent: Heidi Cookson,
Hugh Burke

Call to Order – Chris Tormey – 6:07 p.m.

Public Input

Dave Schilling acknowledged Student Board Representatives Cassandra Morse and Heidi Cookson for their work through the DECA certification process which led to a GOLD Certification for The People of the Beans Café. The girls will attend a national conference in the spring in Atlanta Georgia where they will present their best business practices.

Lisa Olson asked the board to consider distribution of condoms in the school, noting that the school nurse informed her that the Cabot School Board had instructed her not to distribute them. Chris Tormey asked to address this at a future meeting and asked administration to look into any documentation around a decision not to distribute.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve January 20, 2014 minutes – Under **Executive Session** correct the times to read 8:10 p.m. (entered into exec session) and 9:07 p.m. (returned from exec session). Correct meeting location to read *Humanities Classroom*. Jackie moved to accept the minutes as amended, Sharon seconded – unanimously approved.

Reports

- a. **Superintendent Report** – Nancy Thomas
 - Nancy explained the lead paint abatement report and provided documentation to present to an interested community member.
 - Nancy shared cost replacing the roof insulation in the primary building.
 - Nancy shared the technology inventory with the group, stating that the replacement cycle is four years, however, with reduction in technology budget, that cycle may move to five years for some items.
 - Nancy asked the board if they would like to meet with auditor John Mudgett. The group decided to read the Audit Report first and then decide whether to invite Mr. Mudgett to a future meeting.
 - Nancy addressed the Common Core Shifts and will make them available to the board.

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b. Principal Report – Karen Stewart

- Karen congratulated Heidi and Kassandra on the GOLD-DECCA Certification of The People of the Beans Café.
- There will be an open house on Thursday night for grades 3-6. Teacher will explain learning targets and activities.
- The Limes will appear with Kat Wright on February 21, 2014. Kat will do workshops with the Middle School and High School bands and a fund raising performance to benefits J-term will take place that evening.
- The Flynn Theatre has offered Cabot school free tickets to one of three shows.
- Karen would like to add to a future agenda, World Language discussion and presentation with Kaitlyn O'Donnell.

c. Student Report – Kassandra Morse

- The People of the Beans Café has received GOLD certification from DECA, the group will attend a national DECA conference in Atlanta in the spring to present their best practices.
- The Limes have begun recording their 1st CD

Presentation

a. The “Shift” in Mathematics Instruction – Pat Knoerl

- Pat presented an explanation of the “Shift” in Common Core subjects, outlining Focus, Coherence, Rigor. She also explained the process of instruction under this “shift” citing non-negotiable skills at each grade and levels of knowing. These are the basis for the math professional development that our teachers are working on.
- Following her presentation, she demonstrated a math lesson using cuisenaire rods.

Board Discussion

a. Planning for Budget Information Session – Chris Tormey tabled this item for the next meeting. It was decided that there would be a Special Meeting on February 10, 2014

Executive Session – The board went into executive session at 7:45 p.m. The Board returned from executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Board Action

a. Paul moved to accept Karen’s request to be released from her contract on June 30, 2014, Jackie seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Adjournment 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sylvia Charron, Transcriber