

**Cedars International Academy  
Crowley Campus  
Minutes of February 8, 2018**

Present: Monsignor, Barney Schultz, Dr. Butland, Dr. Melissa Biegert, Dr. Maria Seidner, Ms. Earlyne Barrs, and Mr. Rick Wallen.

Also present: Dr. Mark Diaz; and Mr. Blalock after closed meeting. Principal Rauls arrived for the campus update.

Dr. Seidner called the meeting to order at 12:00. Before going into closed session, Barney Schultz asked for the Board's prayers for his granddaughter, Scout, who just had a tumor removed.

At 12:48, Board is back in open meeting.

**Approve Minutes:** With Dr. Butland moving and Ms. Barrs seconding, the board unanimously accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.

**Director/Board Communications Upcoming Events:** Before the summary of the high school events, Dr. Diaz covered various training days for the Board. More later as there is more input.

The upcoming events are listed in the Board Communications.

**Report Items**

a. Dr. Diaz gave the board an overview of the campus expansion search. Reaching out to the Burlington Coat Factory for possible subletting possibilities, it turns out Burlington is trying to decide on keeping lease and subletting part of the building or moving out to a more advantageous retail location. Dr. Diaz will contact them in May to see if they have come to a decision. Another possible location is the old Home Depot at St Johns and I35 was discussed. Councilman Casar will be at the High School in March and Dr. Diaz will talk to him then about the Home Depot.

b. CIANGHS School Design Report: Given by two (2) of nine (9) study groups from Sarah DiMaria's class whose project is the Burlington Design. Ms. DiMaria work experience is highlighted by being a J.A. Knowles Memorial Scholarship recipient.

c. The High Schools attendance is at 115. Total Cedars enrollment is 496.

d. With the increasing enrollment, the emphasis is on increasing the Campus capacity over the next two (2) years with concerns being addressed in the earlier paragraph.

Principal Rauls and Mr. Blalock gave the campus presentation where the emphasis is on the Project Based Learning through a vehicle called the New Tech Network Project. This will facilitate moving the Middle School toward PBL. Principal Rauls also told the Board that the Crowley Campus has instituted morning remedial math tutoring for students needing assistance in math.

e. In discussing the Budget for 2018-19 and the need for training teachers in the Project Based Learning methodology, Dr. Diaz is asking the Board to consider moving \$25,000.00 from the budget surplus (fund balance) to supplement the savings realized from the Teachers surrendering their educational field trips to help make the required \$65,440.00 for the training program.

#### Action Items

- a. Monsignor moved and Dr. Butland seconded the motion to accept the resignations and the new contracts for current personnel. Board unanimously approves.
- b. Mr. Wallen moves and Monsignor seconds for advancing Mr. Blalock to Investment Officer. Board unanimously approves.
- c. Mr. Schultz moves and Monsignor seconds to accept the financial report including the investment reports. Board unanimously approves.
- d. Monsignor moves and Dr. Biegert seconds the motion for approval of Staff bonuses. Board unanimously approves.
- e. Monsignor moves and Ms. Barrs seconds a Professional Development Waiver for the 2018-19 School Year. Board unanimously approves.
- f. Ms. Barrs moves and Dr. Biegert seconds the motion to accept new check writing policy. Board unanimously approves.
- g. Mr. Schultz moves and Monsignor seconds to accept Mrs. Barrs, Dr. Butland and Dr. Biegert for Board Member seats 1,2,3 respectively with terms ending February 2021. Board unanimously approves.

The next board meeting is 8:00 am on March 8, 2018 at the High school and again at 9:00 on March 10 at the Crowley Campus.

At 1:26, Dr. Butland moves and Ms. Barrs seconds the motion to adjourn. The board approves unanimously.