

Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
30 Oct 2008

All Board members in attendance except Al Merkely.

1. Approval of Minutes – John moved to adopt the minutes as amended. Robyn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Follow-up

a. State Retirement – Lynn and John spoke with a number of people about potential changes to Utah Retirement. There are still many questions unanswered about the 401k plan available through the state. Utah Retirement may be modified so that teachers with URS can put all of their retirement funding in a 401k. These should be answered by the end of November.

3. OHSU Bylaws - Progress on Rebuild? – David will make the CS Lewis Bylaws available electronically to the Bylaws Committee (David, Phil, and John) and they will make progress on adapting these for OHSU. The committee will report back next meeting.

4. RFPs

a. Business Management – David moved that the Business Management RFP stay open for one month. Robyn seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Lynn will get the RFP to the State for official approval.

b. Learning Management System (LMS) – Omniture may be willing to give us account; Phil will follow-up. David will invite Agilix to the next Board meeting to present about their new LMS and a possible strategic partnership.

5. Charter School Board – Review of Leases by State

a. OHSU Facility Requirements – Lynn reported that we are required to have a physical space for receiving tests and packages and storing physical copies of student records. This led to a discussion of testing (offline versus online). Lynn will contact Debbie about becoming a pilot site for online testing (as per new program approved in the September special session).

6. Marketing & Recruiting – David will draft a marketing email to be sent to homeschoolers, PCE, and CFU. Utah Policy Daily is an inexpensive option if we need it, as is Orange Soda. – “You can still participate in sports and arts programs at your local high school.”

7. Updates

a. Revolving Loan – We have been approved by the State Charter School Board and are waiting for the State Board of Education to approve the recommendation.

b. Funding (Grant) – Grant can be used for expenses from September 2008 to August 2009.

c. Curriculum Partnerships – UEHS has publicly announced that they will be opening (CC licensing) all their course material. There is a potential full-time student / part-time student relationship with Kathy’s organization.

8. Website Status – David will look to find an online course self-assessment that could be placed on the website. Phil suggested that we place three buttons on the homepage of the website - Learn With Us / Teach With Us / Volunteer With Us.

9. “Heads-up” Items

a. Deadline for increased student enrollment request – April 1, 2009

10. Additional Discussion – Lynn and David reported that the NACOL conference was fruitful; sessions on curriculum quality, at-risk students, and open educational resources; good conversations with Gates Foundation contacts.

- We had a lively discussion about the role of personalization.

11. Set Next Board Meeting – Friday November 21, at 1:00. We’ll invite Rebekah to lead a discussion about teacher roles at 1:15, and Agilix to make a presentation at 2:00p.

12. Adjourn – David moved that we adjourn. Phil seconded. Adjourned at 1:16.