

CITY Center for Collaborative Learning

Minutes for Monthly Board of Directors' Meeting

October 1, 2015 @ Connect Coworking, 33 S. Fifth Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701

Present: Mary Jo Ghory, Jonathan Martin, Liane Wong, Mark Hotchkiss, Jonathan Martin, Theresa Mary Fischer, Rudy McCormick, Jeff Burrows, Carrie Brennan (ex officio)

Absent: Tom Groh

Staff: Daniel Fleury

Meeting started at 3:36pm with quorum present.

Board Chair Report

- Progress is being made with the new governance and organization of CCCL. Carrie and Dan are more focused on their respective assignments, now at the Connect space. Brett is handling the Principal responsibilities well. The new City High school board has met.
- Lumies Awards. We were nominated in the Arts Education category. Good representation at the event in September, with 11 CCCL board/staff present. Stories that Soar won but they mentioned City High in their acceptance speech.
- Jeff Burrows is moving to Seattle and will be resigning. This is his last meeting.

Executive Director Report

- Ed Camp 2015 report: The camp had approximately 50 people. One third came from CHS or PFFS staff, two thirds from other organizations. A team of students produced a video to document the work of the camp; Carrie shared excerpt from video.
- There is ongoing development work for the Professional Development/Outreach program. On Sept 22 a group convened for an important planning meeting. Participants included Santo Nicotera, JoAnn Groh, Bob Pearlman, Jonathan Martin, Carrie Brennan, Brett Goble. The group discussed ways to kickstart the program, how to generate revenue, what areas/services to focus on, etc.
- Carrie, JoAnn and Josh Schachter will follow up with 6 days of intensive work between Oct-Dec as part of LeadLocal's DOTank. They will be developing a business model for the CITY Center PD/outreach and deciding best way to incorporate CommunityShare.

Old Business:

- Minutes from Sept 3, 2015
 - Mark Hotchkiss made motion to accept the Sept 3, 2015 minutes, Theresa Mary Fischer 2nd, all approved.
- Carrie presented an updated draft of the Mission/Vision/Values/Practices. Since the September meeting, she made changes to the vision and values statements; the mission and practices were identical to the September draft. (See attached.)
 - Mark Hotchkiss motioned to adopt the statements as presented, Rudy McCormick 2nd, all approved.

New Business:

- Business Director Daniel Fleury presented the FY2015 Annual Financial Report and shared highlights. Also shared that the 2015 audit is on track. The AFR document is outlines the financial activity of the school/charterholder for the past school year.
 - Jeff Burrows motioned to accept the FY2015 Annual Financial Report as presented, Mark Hotchkiss 2nd, all approved. Document was signed.
- The governance committee shared the proposed revisions to the Tucson Small School Project (TSSP) bylaws. Mary Jo and Jonathan reviewed section by section with the group. List of revisions includes:
 1. Corporate name: CITY Center for Collaborative Learning (from TSSP)
 2. Address: 47 E. Pennington St. (from 48 – to reflect modern street address)
 3. Purpose was changed to reflect the new vision/mission of CITY Center for Collaborative Learning.
 4. Size of board: Board Members maximum has been increased to 21 members.
 5. Officer term limit: set at 3 years, with one time renewable; effective 2016.
 6. Other changes were considered minor editing / clean up.
 - Mark Hotchkiss motioned to amend the bylaws as presented by the governance committee, Rudy McCormick 2nd, all approved.
- Question arose regarding the Articles of Incorporation and whether or not we need to amend to reflect new address and the character of affairs.

Executive Director's Annual Report 2015

- Carrie presented the academic sections of the annual report and will continue to share data and review highlights at future meetings. The annual report is in Dropbox for all to access. A few highlights:
 - AZ Merit scores have not been issued yet.
 - Very low dropout rate @ 0.5% (by comparison State of AZ = 3.5%)
 - 5 Year and 4 year graduation rates are strong; room for improvement in 4-year
 - College Readiness data – the focus is on the senior class

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Mary Jo reviewed the summary of the Executive Director annual evaluation. Full copy is available for review in Dropbox. The committee will review the Executive Director's goals for 2015-2016 at upcoming meetings.

Marketing Committee:

The board photo shoot will take place Nov 11, approximately 2:30-5:30pm. Still finalizing the board bio questionnaire. Committee is working on layout and content for new website.

Development Committee:

Mapped out development timeline for the year. Dates for tax credit calls are Dec 3, 10.

Next School Board meeting for City High School will be Oct 29th.

5:06pm Adjournment

Next Board meeting: November 5, 2015.

**CITY Center for Collaborative Learning – Mission/Vision/Values/Practices
version presented to board on October 1, 2015 for approval**

Mission

CITY Center for Collaborative Learning designs, implements, and advances exemplary practices in teaching and learning that transform the lives of young people and their educators.

Vision

We envision a world in which every school is a collaborative environment where the learner and teacher experiences are engaging and joyful, and all children are empowered to achieve their full potential.

Values

1. Innovation & Creativity
2. Collaboration
3. Passion for Learning
4. Equity & Diversity
5. Care & Compassion
6. Stewardship & Sustainability
7. Ambition
8. Joy

Educational Practices & Priorities

1. Project-Based Learning
2. Real World Connections and Context
3. Deeper Learning
4. STEM
5. Arts Integration
6. Public Demonstrations of Student Learning
7. Habits of Heart and Mind
8. Adult Learning and Teacher Leadership
9. Small Learning Communities
10. Schools as Demonstration Sites and Lab Classrooms