2020 01 21 Tuesday

HLA board meeting

Present: Bernd Liesenfeld, Sharon Sperling, Jacqueline Swank, Bettianne Ford and Sheila Crapo. Also present Mike Collins, Principal Borganelli, Bill Karcinski, Amber Matts

Started / Ended: 4:30pm called to order. Adjourned 5:55pm

**Old Business and continuing**

* Minutes from Oct meeting were not pre-sent and shared to board, doing review of Oct and Dec this meeting.
* Sheila moves to accept Oct minutes, Bettianne seconded. approved with all in favor.
* Sharon moves to accept Dec Minutes, Jacqueline seconded. All approved.
* Principal Report.
  + Basketball court installed. Will have Basketball Cop foundation in for inauguration
  + Food drive for 100th day of school.
  + Copier was replaced and installed as noted in previous Minutes.
  + Mike Collins departure: he will agree to consult through end of his contract to fulfill his obligations and support the school, although physically leaving about 1 week after last day of school.
* Financial planning
  + Discussion of target amount to have as reserve. We have been targeting about 1.5 months of expenses. Would be nice to increase that to 2 full months of expenses. That represents between 100-110k.
  + Bank requirement for balance is a somewhat complicated multiple of the yearly mortgage service payment. This is lower than our target amount described above, so the target amount is the guiding number.
  + HLA is now receiving new disbursement amounts from state, and our account balance is recovering each month, but at this rate we still will be some time to fully re-fill the reserves.
  + Target mortgage completion: Sharon Sperling handling communication. Reported as on track.
  + Best and brightest to be disbursed in next days. The program was underfunded by state, so teachers and staff cannot receive full payments because the money for that was not provided. HLA award included retention award.
  + Reviewing use of Kattel as auditors. They did Micanopy Middle School, who quite liked them. Information is that Kattel himself handled that, while we had a subordinate. If we continue with Kattel, then he needs to take the job himself.
* Board liason (and guardian) Bill Karcinski reports that there were parent objections to small elements of staff attire (mainly footwear) – Principal Borganelli to address. It is noted with pleasure that these problems are not of the very serious variety and the staff is complimented on having no serious concerns arising.

Future meetings information and plans.

* Board meetings upcoming dates: Feb 11 (adjusted date) and March 17, April 21 2020.
* Long term planning: to be scheduled.