



# Governance Council Minutes

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**Date: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**In Attendance:**

*Sue Sewell-Principal*

*Laura Reetz-Parent*

*Tonya Roberts- Parent/President (conference call)*

*Bryan Davis – District Superintendent*

*Peggy First-Teacher*

*Katie Kastenson Schmidt – Teacher*

*Dawn Loomis-Vierck-Teacher*

*Peter Fogarty – BOE Member*

*Suzy Zietlow-Secretary/Teacher*

*Paul Vande Hei – Community Member*

*Katie Meister-School District Member*

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**Meeting called to order at 6:17 PM.**

No public comment.

- 1. 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Expansion – Innovative Program Ideas (Bryan/All)** – Through the various Facilities Committee meetings, there has been much discussion about STEM based curriculum. Bryan brought up Project Lead the Way (for the High School level.) Bryan envisions a possible K-12 charter (eventually.) There is a K-5 Project Lead the Way being piloted throughout the U.S. in the 2014-2015 school year. Our local manufactures are very interested in the prospect of developing this type of program and curriculum in our district. There may be opportunities with community members and business owners in investing in science, math and technology K-12. The Council will continue to look for grant opportunities, especially from businesses, industry and corporations (both here in town and others across the U.S. i.e. Honda, etc.) DCS will move forward in applying for a Planning Grant for a separate 4/5 Charter School. The Council also discussed the possibility of a new 4-8 Charter. Council agreed to begin involving CMS staff (primarily Paul Kurth) in these new charter discussions. Bryan will communicate with Mr. Kurth regarding a plan for this new Charter. Council discussed the possibility of creating a 6-12 block schedule that would allow more time for project-based learning in a potential 6-8 Charter.
- 2. Facilities Recommendations for Referendum (Peter and Bryan)** – Pete and Bryan went over the survey that will be mailed to Columbus Community members regarding the new referendum proposal. Highlights of referendum: North end of High School – STEM, athletic modifications/upgrades, auditorium and classroom upgrades. The \$20.8 million price tag is half of previous referendum. The survey will go out at the end of October to be completed by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Tonya suggested adding some information regarding the impact on farmers in the community with a potential pass of the referendum. If the survey tracks well, referendum would go in April of 2014, if not, adjustments would be made for a potential November 2014 referendum.



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3. **Dissemination Grant Activities** – Sue shared a summary of what’s been accomplished so far with the Dissemination Grant.
4. **Energy Club/Columbus Energy Fair** – Great PR event for DCS.
5. **Committee Membership/Calendar** – The Council discussed reforming Committees and recommitting to committee membership. Tonya is hoping to establish a concrete committee-meeting schedule (right before monthly Council meetings.) Sue will come back to the Council with potential expenditures, grant budget and the grant itself.
6. **DCS Soup Social** – Received nearly \$300 in donations.

Motion to adjourn by Suzy at 7:41 PM. Seconded by Laura.

Motion passed.

### ***Next Regular Meeting-***

- *Dissemination Grant Updates*
- *Committee Membership*