HomeTech Charter School

Governing Board Minutes

February 10, 2014

1.0 Opening Business:

* 1. Regular meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

Tom Brogden Jim Kyle

Mike Butson Danya Reynolds

Mike Ervin

 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

2.0 Mr. Kyle motioned to approve the February agenda. Mr. Brogden seconded. Approved.

3.0 Mr. Kyle motioned to approve the January minutes. Mrs. Reynolds seconded. Approved.

4.0 No Consent Items

5.0 Communications/Reports

5.1 Mr. Kyle commented on the great progress HomeTech has made in creating a work agreement.

5.2 Principal’s Report

1. Mr. Ervin presented the board with a chart that breaks down monthly enrollment by grade level. There are currently 145 students enrolled.

2. Mr. Ervin presented a HomeTech to-do list and timeline to the board. HomeTech will be getting a technology upgrade through Comcast. HomeTech will sign a three-year contract. Comcast is waiving the installation and equipment costs of $15,550. The monthly charge will amount to around $200.

a. In February HomeTech should have a MOU with the district office including business, technology and special education services.

b. Mr. Ervin spoke with Young, Minney & Corr on February 6th regarding becoming a 501c3 incorporation. They provided Mr. Ervin with a cover letter, contract and charter school process for incorporation. HomeTech has a high free and reduced lunch rate, which qualifies for a discount. The original quote given for legal services was $7,000. The discounted rate given will be $1500 with a $800 filing fee.

c. Mr. Ervin and Dan Evans will be attending the Smarter Balanced training February 11th.

d. Mr. Ervin will be gone February 12th to watch the all-day WASC training webinar. Mr. Kissam will be filling in for him. The next WASC training will be held on March 26th in Rancho Cordova.

e. The charter review committee meeting will be held on February 25th.

3. Mr. Ervin presented HomeTech’s updated budget. HomeTech is budgeted on 121 students. Currently HomeTech is $10,000 on the plus side. The topic of economic uncertainty will be placed on the next board agenda.

4. Teachers will attend five iPad trainings for $2,000. Each training will last about 1.5 hours long. Mr. Ervin will ask about what it would look like if HomeTech went through BCOE for technology services.

6.0 Discussion Items

6.1 Mr. Kyle will transition to the community board member position for the 2014-2015 school year. HomeTech will need to fill the parent member position.

7.0 Action Items

7.1 The board made a few changes to the presented contract. The “Full-Time” has been taken out of the title. The board would also like an additional statement including “current certificated staff members,” which will be named on the contract. Mr. Ervin will create a contract for new hires. This will include a 2 yr. probationary status with the possibility of going to a three-year contract on the third year. Mr. Ervin will contact the CDC consultants to put together a hiring policy. The hiring policy will be added to the March board agenda. Mr. Kyle motioned to adopt the certificated contract with the changes in place. Mr. Butson seconded. Approved.

7.2 An updated work agreement was provided to the board. Mrs. Reynolds pointed out some new language that was added. The board has modified article II, number 3 “the choice to receive compensation” and “or the equivalent time off from work” has been removed. HomeTech employees will be paid for extra time worked, but will not have compensatory time off. The board would like further definition on what is required for working “beyond the normal teaching assignment.” Staff modified Article III, number 2, section d to allow part-time teachers to opt out of a group health plan. The rate given to HomeTech by the health carrier will be based on every employee. Full-time and part-time employees will most likely not be able to opt out. The board suggests that CTA and CDC consultants review the work agreement. Mr. Kyle recommends adopting the work agreement with the changes made. Mr. Ervin seconded. Approved.

7.3 The presented spending plan for CCSS has been amended to implement $5,000 for professional development, $10,900 towards instructional materials and $7,000 for technology-based instruction. The board would like Mr. Ervin to look into leasing our technology equipment from Dell or Apple. Mr. Kyle moved to adopt the HTC spending plan for CCSS. Mr. Brogden seconded. Approved.

8.0 No items from the public.

9.0 Next Meeting Date –March 10, 2014 3:00 P.M.

Adjourned 4:25