

## June Spotlight

The June board meeting was held the same week as our school's move from Maple Grove to Crystal. The staff and teachers will get settled in this summer and will be ready to welcome everyone on the first day of school!

In the financial report, Nick Meyer walked us through some of the budget considerations. We approved a slightly revised FY17 budget. Our bottom line is dependent on enrollment, and we are looking good in that department so far. Our current enrollment report is at 563 for next year, which is very good. It is above our agreement with the bonding company and a little below our goal for next year. The office is still waiting for 29 student registration forms, so once we receive registration forms or withdrawal forms, our numbers will be as accurate as possible. We approved more working agreements as they've been signed for next school year. Mr. Koster explained the QComp Annual Report. Ms. Lehman is taking over the QComp position in our school and we look forward to her leadership in this area. Ms. Karcz, who has done an outstanding job in this position, will be moving back to the classroom.

Brandon Huberty represented the technology committee and brought up the conversation about desk tops vs. lap tops for teachers. As we move into the new building, we have lots of things to consider about the ease of lap tops vs. the cost savings that desk tops would bring. It has been the recommendation of the technology committee to move to desk tops. We take the hard work of our committees very seriously, but after a long discussion, decided to move toward lap tops for teachers. We feel it is appropriate for our school to value mobility and flexibility for teachers to have meetings in different rooms and to bring work home as needed. There was no official vote yet as we want the technology committee to come back in July with the precise equipment outlay that would be needed as well as the financial breakdown of how this decision would impact the budget.

Lastly, connected to the staff computer conversation, we revisited the plans for a media center computer lab. The current thought was to have about 16 computers in that lab and three lap top carts available for teachers to reserve for class projects. In discussing the pros and cons of these options, and with input from the teachers on the board, we voted to have our construction crew finish building out the lab in the media center so that it has 28 computers available to our K-8 classes. In doing so, we are able to move back down to two lap top carts. (The media center lab is separate from the technology lab that is used all day, every day by our technology teacher.) We are pleased to be able to offer a greater degree of accessibility to computers and other technology in our new, permanent building.

As always, you are welcome to attend our meetings. They generally occur on the third Thursday of the month and are always on the school calendar.

On behalf of the Beacon Academy Board of Directors,  
Heidi Sheard, Secretary