

## May 2016 Board Spotlight

Greetings, Beacon community. Our May board meeting agenda was quite full. Following are the most notable conversations and decisions. Our enrollment numbers are holding steady as compared to this time last year. We are currently 96% enrolled and we have 81 students on the wait list for next year. There is exciting news about our bus service. We have approved a three-year contract with Lake Country. Mr. Koster has been working on our best options and feels extremely positive about this decision. Lake Country has agreed to put Beacon Academy's name on the belt line of the buses, they can move and grow with our needs at the Crystal location in 2017, and most important for everyone involved, they will be giving dedicated service to our school. This means that they have no routes before ours and can allow extra time to arrive at our school in the case of inclement weather etc. This will curtail delays and provide reliable service for our families who use bus transportation.

The new math curriculum, Big Ideas and Math Expressions by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt was approved for purchase. Teachers are very excited about adopting this updated and comprehensive math curriculum. Thank you to the curriculum committee for your countless hours of research and study on this important decision.

The school board election results were announced. The open parent seats will be filled by David Goeske (returning) and Nicholas Meyer. The open teacher seat will be filled Eldred Bach. The community member seat will be filled by Michael Reed. These new members will be welcomed and officially seated in July.

On the subject of expansion, significant progress has been made in the last month. The City of Crystal has given final approval for our conditional use permit. The City Council was pleased to see our plans to plant numerous trees around the property and is supportive of our school becoming a part of the community. The facility planning committee and the board, with the help of all of our partners, are working towards bonding in late June/early July as well as fine tuning architectural plans and space needs for Beacon Academy. Thanks to everyone who attended our first open house. There will be more as we find pockets of time in the construction process to invite people in to take a look.

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