

CALL TO ORDER David Goeske called the meeting to order to at 6:30 p.m.

1.ROLL CALL present at time of meeting unless otherwise noted	Present	Absent
Board Member		
David Goeske (President)	✓	
Eldred Bach (Vice President)	✓	
Nick Meyer (Treasurer)	✓	
Heidi Sheard (Secretary)	✓	
Kris Gapinski	✓	
Paige Roth	✓	
Brandon Huberty	✓	
Sandie Illi	✓	
Jacque Lee	✓	
Sean Koster(ex-officio)		
Mike Reeder (ex-officio)	✓	
Mike Pocrnich(ex-officio)		✓

MISC. ATTENDEES: JILL ZARRIELLO, NORMA NISTLER, RICK NISTLER, CINDY JONES, THEODORE EVANS

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Choral reading of the Pledge of Allegiance)

3. BEACON MISSION STATEMENT

(Choral reading of the Beacon Academy Mission Statement)

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion:	To approve the agenda:							
Made by:	*Eldred Bach			Seconded by:	*Brandon Huberty			
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	David Goeske	x			Paige Roth	x		
	Eldred Bach	x			Nick Meyer	x		
	Heidi Sheard	x			Sandie Illi	x		
	Brandon Huberty	x			Jacque Lee	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision:	Passes							

5. Open Floor Comments from Attendees:

- Jill Zarriello spoke about being one of the first families of Beacon and was here when the school opened. Husband Bob served on the board and still serves on the Governance Committee. Jill mentioned the CCCL that is part of the Family Handbook. Behaviors are happening in her classroom that she has never experienced before. She proposed that the

CCCL needs to be widely talked about and used daily in the classrooms. She urged the board to read the revised CCCL carefully and make a thoughtful decision before approving it. The CCCL should be read by every family, every staff member and should hang in every classroom. Also, a comprehensive referral training should happen for the staff. We have high expectations and we should hold our students and families to a high standard.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion:	To approve the consent agenda								
Made by:	* Eldred Bach				Seconded by:	*Brandon Huberty			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
	David Goeske	x			Paige Roth	x			
	Eldred Bach	x			Nick Meyer	x			
	Heidi Sheard	x			Sandie Illi	x			
	Brandon Huberty	x							
	Kris Gapinski	x							
Decision:	Passes								
	A. Approval of Minutes: 1. Regular Board Meeting – February 15, 2018								
	B. Approval of Beacon Academy 990								
	C. Approval of Staff Changes								

7. Board Reports

A. Finance Committee, Mike Pocrnich

1. Review/Discuss/Approve February 2018 Financial Report

- The financial packet was presented by Nick Meyer due to Mike's absence.
- \$10,000 has been moved into the marketing fund from a couple other line items.
- last month the board approved a bridge loan to cover our Days Cash on Hand covenant that we cannot meet due to being under enrolled. During the bond meeting the bond holders were considering giving us an exemption and we may not have to take the loan now. This phone call was not an annual meeting. It was a call for more information about our enrollment.

Motion:	To approve the financial report as presented								
Made by:	*Eldred Bach				Seconded by:	*Jacque Lee			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
	David Goeske	x			Paige Roth	x			
	Eldred Bach	x			Nick Meyer	x			
	Heidi Sheard	x			Sandi Illi	x			
	Brandon Huberty	x			Jacque Lee	x			
	Kris Gapinski	x							
Decision:	Passes								

B. Curriculum Committee, Kris Gapinski

1. Review/Discuss Curriculum Recommendations

- 5 different Science Curriculums have been looked at. Elementary will be using FOSS at a cost of \$22,425.36 and Middle School will be using Sep-Up at a cost of \$26,931.15
- They all come with kits. Each grade will get one grade level set to share. Both curriculums merge well together. Foss includes the online resources for free. Sep Up does not offer a free option for online so we will not be purchasing that.
- David asked for the contract for each curriculum to be emailed to the board members for review of accuracy.
- David asked the committee to go back to the teachers and ask if everyone is okay with purchasing a grade level set vs. a classroom set.
- Heidi explained that there should be an expectation that all teachers should use the curriculum and it should not be an option.
- A point was brought up that we will need to purchase curriculum for the expansion next year. We need to make sure the budget covers that.
- This will be discussed again at the April meeting and voted on at the May meeting.
- Paige talked about the Geometry books for the Big Ideas curriculum. Starting last year, 6th graders skipped course 1 and went right to course 2. Next year they will progress to the Geometry books for this curriculum. They are asking to purchase those books.
- Cost for this is \$1,934.90 for the hard copy teacher edition and \$2,206.60 for the digital program.

C. Assistant Principal Report, Mike Reeder

1. Review/Discuss Referral Data

- Mike went through the referral data for quarter 1 and quarter 2.
- There is a comparison made over the years. Last year we were on Trimester and not quarters. We also have more students this year.
- We have some families with higher needs including increased special education needs.
- Families have been complimentary on how we handle needs and are thankful for how we handle students with special needs.
- Handling referrals takes time but it deserves to be taken care of in a proper manner. The students and the families deserve it.
- Although admin has responsibilities for certain grade levels they do pitch in when there is a need to help each other out.
- The demographic breakdown of referrals is not representative of our total enrollment.
- The staff at Beacon has training and professional development in reference to discipline and equity in discipline.

D. Principal Report, Sean Koster

1. Review/Discuss Enrollment Report

- We have steady enrollment right now at around 550.

2. Review/Approve 2018-2019 Master Calendar

- The first set of conferences will be moved to the week before the first quarter ends. That is the only major change from this past year’s calendar.
- There are two snow days built in to this calendar.

Motion: To approve the master calendar for the 2018-2019 school year:								
Made by: *Heidi Sheard			Seconded by: *Jacque Lee					
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	David Goeske	x			Paige Roth	x		
	Eldred Bach	x			Nick Meyer	x		
	Heidi Sheard	x			Sandi Illi	x		
	Brandon Huberty	x			Jacque Lee	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision: Passes								

3. COLA – 1% for teachers next year

- Due to where we are for this year for enrollment the ERCC has decided not to increase teacher salaries this year. This year the teachers are in the rotation of the pay cycle. Sean is asking for a cost of living increase of 1% to thank the teachers for all the extra work. It’s only for the teachers because the review of the support staff and the administration will be coming up in the next 1 and 2 years. This can be taken out of our furniture and fixtures line which Sean does not think we will touch in the next two years. This would be .25% of our fund balance.

4. WSSS – Informational

- West Suburban Summer School Update – We recommend students every year to the summer school. It’s an honors program for students who score over 90% on test scores. It’s an option for families and it does cost the families money. We are recommending over 150 students to the program this year.

8. Adjournment

Board Workshop- None

Old Business- None

Action Items-

NEXT MEETING IS April 19, 2018

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:05pm forwarded by Brandon Huberty seconded by Sandie Illi. Approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:05p.m.

Approved on _____

Heidi Sheard, Secretary
Beacon Academy School Board