School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon Board Retreat of September 11, 2015

INFORMAL MINUTES

A Retreat of the Board of Directors came to order at 2:07pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Mt. Hood Room of the World Forestry Center, 4033 SW Canyon Road, Portland.

There were present:

Board of Directors:

Tom Koehler, Chair Amy Kohnstamm, Vice-Chair Paul Anthony Steve Buel Julie Esparza Brown Pam Knowles Mike Rosen Katie Davidson, Student Representative

Staff:

Carole Smith, Superintendent Amanda Whalen, Chief of Staff Rosanne Powell, Board Office Manager Trever Cartwright, Facilitator Caren Huson-Quiniones, Board Office

HOW ARE WE DOING SO FAR?

BOARD PRIORITIES AND SUPERINTENDENT'S PERFORMANCE MILESTONES

Mr. Cartwright stated that the Board Priorities and Superintendent's Performance Milestones were shared priorities by the Board and Superintendent. Director Buel commented that he would prefer to use a Wish List approach. Mr. Cartwright reported that once the priorities are determined, staff will determine a couple measures and metrics for each.

At 4:00pm, the Board took a five minute break.

Priority 1. Prepare students to be college

OUR OPERATING PROTOCOLS: HOW WILL WE MOVE FORWARD?

Amanda Whalen, Chief of Staff, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Operating Protocols that were in place prior to July 1, 2015. Director Rosen commented that he would like to receive copies of PowerPoint presentations in the Board packet and not wait until the actual meeting to receive them. Director Rosen also suggested a secure FTP website where Board members could review contracts. Ms. Whalen responded that she would look into it. Chair Koehler mentioned that he wants data in the Board packet and not wait until a Board meeting to receive the data in a PowerPoint presentation.

The Board revised Public Comment procedures. An individual can no longer "hold" speaking slots and cannot sign up additional individuals. Each person must contact the Board Office directly if they wish to participate in Public Comment. Ms. Whalen added that Student Testimony would be an agenda item at every Board meeting. The Board agreed that only clarifying questions would be asked of public commenters. Chair Koehler asked that that only occur with a high degree of self-discipline. In addition, Chair Koehler commented that if additional comment slots are requested beyond the customary six, that the Chair will decide whether or not additional slots would be added.

Mr. Cartwright stated that the Board will continue their discussion of Operating Protocols at their next Retreat.

The Board discussed having an audio/video recording of Committee meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Porter stated that the Board was missing some priorities. They need to think about internationalizing their business and digital technology and how it applies to your corporation. Both apply to a school district and shaping children to the world they will live in. The Board should expand Dual Language Immersion programs and offer a study abroad program for high school students. In addition, the District should expand on-line learning for school students, including on-line learning from other than PPS. Also, more Community Based organizations were needed for students to be interns.

Roger Kirshner stated that contract negotiations should be a Board priority.

ADJOURN

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.

Submitted by:

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