

CAC Minutes – May 15, 2006

Next CAC meeting: Monday, June 19 at the Board of Education Building 7:30. Please advise Sherman Bishop, Lee Field-Starks or John Doucette in advance if you will be unable to attend the meeting.

Attendees (12): Sherman Bishop (presiding), Dr. Jim Costanza (Superintendent), Renee Wargo (Board of Education), Garn Anderson, Andy Call, Marcia Columbro, John Doucette, Lee Field-Starks, Jayne Hoon, Jean Seasholtz, Linda Wade, Christie Wiedt, Eddie Williams

Absent with notice: Judy Friedman, Kathleen Stock, Carrie Tate, Dan Walsh

Absent without notice: Kevin Kanareff, Troy Miller

The following are the minutes from the March 20, 2006 meeting at the Board of Education building:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sherman Bishop at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions or corrections.

The motion was made by Lee Field-Starks and seconded by Garn Anderson.

Approval of Minutes

The April 24 meeting minutes were approved with corrections to attendance information.

The motion was made by Marcia Columbro and seconded by Lee Field-Starks.

Board of Education Report by Renee Wargo

- CAC committee reports to BOE do not require a formal presentation but members of the committee should plan to attend the session at which they will be discussed in order to answer any questions and to attach names and faces to the report. The BOE should have a copy of the report in advance. Schedule is as follows:
 - High School: June 12. Board already has report.
 - Business Partnerships: Report scheduled June 2, discussion on June 12.
 - PAC: Report scheduled June 12, discussion on June 26.
 - Levy impact: DONE.
- There is a CAC time slot on all BOE 4th Monday meeting agenda.
- Heather Drago will chair the Arts Center committee. They are looking to close a deal with the BOE for the Red Brick building and it will be discussed at the 5/22 meeting. Anticipate a decision during the summer.
- The Bradley Road land is on hold. Will address in next few months.
- Discussion of need to communicate more effectively on the impact of Crocker Park on finances since opponents of the levy believed that revenue made the levy unnecessary. This will be an issue for any future levy. There is therefore a need for ongoing communication with the public following the levy.

Superintendent's Report by Dr. Jim Costanza

- Thanked the CAC for their support of the levy. Now we can get back to education.
- Some personnel changes were discussed: High School principal, Director of Business Affairs and several early retirements. Many high quality candidates are available, attracted to Westlake due to its positive reputation. This process is taking a lot of administrative time.
- District's Continuous Improvement plan is available on line and will be updated every two years. Will be performing a review in the next two weeks with assistance from a facilitator from CSU and will publish the revision in the summer.
- The district web site is undergoing revision based on focus group input. Expect better navigation. The levy enabled purchase of a new server to house the site. The new site will be rolled out before the new school year.

Committee Reports:

- Business Partnerships (Jean Seasholtz and Eddie Williams)
 - Presented preliminary report and asked for email feedback to Jean. Key points included:
 - A limited internship program like the one in Brecksville would put Westlake ahead of other districts.
 - Schools would like a database of businesses available for job shadowing opportunities.
- Performing Arts Center (Andy Call)
 - Scheduled to meet next Friday
 - The current High School principal is not highly supportive of the PAC. A new principal could have a different attitude.
- Other reports (Levy and High School) have been completed.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

- Discussion of the CAC web page design and content. As Secretary, John Doucette will continue to post approved meeting minutes. Committee and other reports can be posted with the approval of the CAC Chair. Members are invited to make suggestions in this regard.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Sherman Bishop at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by John Doucette

Corrections/missing items/amendments may be made during the next meeting as needed.

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