

Minutes
Board of Directors
March 11, 2010
Perpich Center for Arts Education
Meeting in Room 300 of the State Office Building, St. Paul, MN

Call to Order.

Board Chair Bari Amadio called the meeting to order at 3:28 pm.

Roll Call and Introductions.

Board members present: Peter Adolphson, Bari Amadio, Denis Biagini, Stephan Daly, Ardythe Gallant, Vernae Hasbargen, Todd Liljenquist, Alex Plechash and Dorothy Suomala. **Absent:** Maggie DiBlasio, Roberta Jones, Virginia Katz and KaiMay Yuen-Terry.

The agenda was approved, with two additions.

Motion by: A. Plechash to approve the agenda with two new items:

New Item 8A: Approve awarding contracts to two facilitators to work with the Perpich Center on the Legacy Project.

New Item 8B: Accept the resignation of KaiMay Yuen-Terry from the PCAE Board of Directors.

Seconded by: D. Biagini.

The Minutes of the February 11, 2010 Board meeting were approved, as submitted.

Motion by: D. Suomala.

Seconded by: A. Gallant.

The Minutes of the February 11, 2010 Special Board meeting were approved, as submitted.

Motion by: P. Adolphson.

Seconded by: D. Biagini.

The finance report for March will be placed on file, as submitted. Finance Director Rene Ellis noted that spending as reflected on the current finance report is similar to the report for the February Board meeting.

Impressions of Perpich Center Day at the Capitol, March 11, 2010:

Government Relations Committee Chair Peter Adolphson was pleased that Board members were able to visit with so many legislators. He advised Board and staff to maintain a visible profile throughout the remainder of the Session. Board members shared their comments on their visits with legislators. Legislators were very supportive of the Perpich Center this year.

The Board unanimously approved a new fee structure for Arts High School students and families. In her presentation, Finance Director Rene Ellis noted that the current fees are far behind the actual costs to run AHS.

Motion by: A. Plechash.

Seconded by: P. Adolphson

	Cost Category	2009-2010	Approved for 2010-2011		Cost Category	2009-2010	Approved for 2010-2011
Acceptance Fee	Full	\$ 100	\$ 100	TOTAL RESIDENTIAL FEES	Full	\$ 3,625	\$ 3,985
	Reduced	100	100		Reduced	\$ 1,980	\$ 2,175
	Minimal	100	100		Minimal	\$ 775	\$ 800
Activity Fee (80%)	Full	240	265	TOTAL COMMUTER FEES	Full	\$ 400	\$ 430
	Reduced	160	175		Reduced	\$ 300	\$ 320
	Minimal	120	120		Minimal	\$ 250	\$ 250
Technology Fee (20%)	Full	60	65	CAFETERIA & PARKING FEES			
	Reduced	40	45	Cafeteria Fees			
	Minimal	30	30	Breakfast			
Residential Fees	Full	2,925	3,220		Full	1.50	2.00
	Reduced	1,530	1,685		Reduced	-	-
	Minimal	450	475		Minimal	-	-
Maintenance Fee	Full	200	225	Lunch/Dinner			
	Reduced	100	115		Full	3.50	4.00
	Minimal	50	50		Reduced	0.40	0.40
Emergency Deposit	Full	100	110		Minimal	-	-
	Reduced	50	55	Parking Fee			
	Minimal	25	25		Full	150	175
					Reduced	75	88
					Minimal	50	55

The Board unanimously approved awarding contracts of up to \$50,000 to two facilitators to work with PCAE on the Center’s Legacy Project.

Motion by: P. Adolphson.

Seconded by: D. Biagini.

Two facilitators, Kathy J. Grundei and Zane M. Schaefer, will assist in designing curriculum and programs for a pilot project of the Legacy program. A third facilitator will be hired in the future to focus on implementation of the curriculum and programming.

Following five years of service as a member of the Board of Directors, KaiMay Yuen-Terry's resignation was accepted with regret and recognition of her contributions.

Motion by: D. Suomala.

Seconded by: V. Hasbargen.

Agency Update

Highlights from Executive Director S. Mackert's update:

- A. Admissions sessions for prospective new students are taking place each Saturday in March. It has been helpful having both AHS and PDR professional staff members serving on the admissions panels. We look forward to accepting new students for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- B. Junior students are preparing for the state math tests. Remedial labs are in effect.
- C. Mackert thanked Lynne Bossart, AHS parent of a high school junior, and high school senior Kyle Cold for joining the Board of Directors in their visits with legislators.
- D. The Management Team is participating in a two-day retreat to address agency needs, opportunities and operational issues.
- E. The academic calendar is under consideration, with added instructional days for students.
- F. The Water Dance program was extraordinary. AHS students had opportunities to perform with other college and high school students as participants in the program that was designed and composed by AHS instructor and McKnight Scholar Janika Vandervelde.

Public Comment: Two guests asked to make a comment:

- A. **PCAE Executive Assistant Steve Greenberg** talked about the positive changes evident at the Center since Mackert began serving as interim executive director. Trust is restored and attitudes around the Center are much more positive. Respect for the Center has grown immensely among stakeholders, including government leaders. Greenberg thanked the Board for their work during the past year to make these changes possible.

B. **Arts High School Senior Student Kyle Cold** mentioned that many Perpich seniors have a wonderful experience at AHS and don't want to leave after graduation. Cold stated that he, too, has had a wonderful experience, yet he happily anticipates going out into the world outside Perpich and building onto the knowledge and skills gained during his two years at AHS. He thanked the Board for all they do for the Center.

Noting an area of communication that could benefit students, Board members, and Perpich Center alike, Cold indicated that most AHS students have no idea what the Board does.

New Business: Board members did not have any new business to submit.

Board Chair B. Amadio adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm with unanimous consent.

Motion by: P. Adolphson.

Seconded by: V. Hasbargen.

Minutes Steve Greenberg
submitted by: Executive Assistant