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Croydon School District

School Board Meeting: 7 Feb 2022

- A. Call to Order: Jody Underwood called meeting to order at 6:40 pm
- B. Roll Call: Jody Underwood, Aaron McKeon, Tom Moore (remote)
- C. Public Forum 1
 - 1. One member of the public asked about the bus situation
- D. Changes to the Agenda
 - 1. The topic of receiving students from outside the district at CVS was added to the agenda
- E. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Jody motioned to approve the minutes from December 21; Tom seconded; motion passed 3-0
 - 2. Jody motioned to approve the minutes from January 26; Aaron seconded; motion passed 3-0
 - 3. Jody motioned to approve the minutes from the January 26 budget hearing; Aaron seconded; motion 3-0
- F. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. Most administrative work since the last meeting has been preparing the town report
 - 2. This time of year is very busy for Special Education due to lots of planning
 - 3. Some children have been experiencing behavioral issues relating to the social stresses of COVID-19 policies
 - 4. A new special needs preschool child will be beginning services; Frank is attempting to get some of this paid for through grants
 - 5. Frank submitted a \$56k grant request for ESSER funds; the grant itself has already been received, but approval is required to authorize specific spending
 - 6. Frank revised the Title 4A 2021 grant request to include snowshoes
 - 7. A \$10k Title 1 grant was unused this year was carried forward for next year
 - 8. The CVS mask policies were discussed; Frank indicated the children have been doing very well; all the children have been more or less wearing masks so that they can be grouped together; Nicole indicated that all families had said their child could wear a mask if they wanted to even if not required by their parents
- G. Business Manager's Report
 - 1. The Board approved the budget for ~\$1.7mm following the Budget Hearing; official notice will be posted online, at the Town Office, and at Coniston General Store
 - 2. All personal income tax filings have been made
 - 3. Election filings have closed
 - 4. All towns have billed for tuition except Claremont
 - 5. Repairs on the buildings coming from the state inspection are still in progress
 - 6. The bank account is currently over the FDIC \$250k insurance level and therefore moves into a sweep account overnight so it can be collateralized; this will bear some interest earnings
 - 7. The District Meeting will be March 12th at 1pm
- H. Associate Principal's Report
 - 1. K-1 children are working on science, writing, and calendars

2. 2-4 children are working on multiplication, non-fiction texts, and the weather
3. Three winter program events have been held so far, the most recent of which was survival in the woods and building shelters
4. Recent professional development program was on dealing with sexual harassment; they are discussing the possibility of having them come back to do this for families as well
5. CVS staff have been observing each other as part of professional development
6. There have been four additional positive COVID-19 cases
7. STAR benchmark assessment was completed to assess growth rates
 - i. Grades 1-4 took math: 2 had a negative rate and 16 were positive
 - ii. Grades 3-4 took reading: 3 had a negative rate and 8 had positive
 - iii. Grades K-2 and some 3 took early literacy: 1 had a negative rate and 9 had positive
 - iv. Children with negative rates might receive Title 1 contract services, who is partly funded by Title 1 but mostly through ESSER 2 (COVID funding)
8. Handwriting Without Tears is currently being used for penmanship; some students that are struggling with handwriting may have better luck trying cursive
9. Two more winter program activities are planned and February break is in two weeks
10. February 17 from 5:00-6:30pm will be a mini winter festival
11. CVS would like to involve homeschooling families in winter programs, music, etc., as well as make excess assessment licenses available for those families; those families would need to schedule time with Nicole; STAR gets capped at 30 and the rest we own

I. Discussion Items

1. Wellness Policy – the latest version of the draft policy was discussed; the Board would like to continue reviewing and is not ready to make a decision at this time
2. Student Conduct Policy – there is no revision to this policy at this time
3. Becoming a Receiving School
 - i. Newport inquired about a family who would like their child to come to CVS
 - ii. The school does not need to accept all students, but it does have to set one tuition rate
 - iii. Frank proposed charging a rate comparable to Montessori
 - iv. Discussed creating a relatively simple application process
 - v. Discussed possible special needs and needing to stipulate who pays in the policy
 - vi. This would be treated as an Interdistrict Transfer; Jody will review the regulations

J. Public Forum 2

K. Next Meeting Date

1. The next meeting is set for March 1, 2022

L. Meeting Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm