

**Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor – Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
held Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

Present: Gary Banks, Elizabeth Head, Knut Hill, Daryl Honor, Jim McCauley, Mike McFall, Don Remboski (via phone), Heather Rindels, Paul Trombley

Excused: Knut Hill, Tim Standke, Bob Rajewski

Others Present: Anni Fox Maniglia, Katrina Klaphake, Sian Owen-Cruise

Heather Rindels called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:40pm.

Agenda Review and Consent Agenda Approval

- A motion to approve the December 4 meeting minutes and consent agenda reports was made by Elizabeth Head with support by Daryl Honor. There were no dissentions and the motion carried.

Development Engagement – Katrina Klaphake

- Katrina Klaphake provided the Board with an update on Annual Fund giving and other development-related items.

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- Heather Rindels informed the group that Bob Rajewski will be retiring from the Board on June 30, 2020.
- Trustees briefly discussed continuing members and voting Annie Fox Maniglia to the Board.
- A motion to approve Annie Fox Maniglia as a new Board member for a three-year term was made by Daryl Honor with support by Mike McFall. There were no dissentions and the motion carried.
- A motion to approve Don Remboski for a one-year term as Board President was made by Jim McCauley with support by Daryl Honor. There were no dissentions and the motion carried.
- A motion to approve Jim McCauley for a second three-year term as a Board member was made by Heather Rindels with support by Elizabeth Head. There were no dissentions and the motion carried.

- A motion to approve Elizabeth Head for a three-year term as Board member was made by Heather Rindels with support by Jim McCauley. There were no dissensions and the motion carried.
- A motion to approve Mike McFall for a second three-year term as Board member was made by Daryl Honor with support by Paul Trombley. There were no dissensions and the motion carried.
- A motion to approve Tim Standke for a second three-year term as Board member was made by Mike McFall with support by Heather Rindels. There were no dissensions and the motion carried.
- Sian Owen-Cruise noted that Gary Banks will continue on the Board contingent on the recommendation through the College of Teachers.

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- A list of potential candidates was presented by the Development Committee and will be reviewed by Sian Owen-Cruise and the Executive Committee. It will be presented at the February Board meeting.
- It was noted that we have a need for representation from early childhood parents. Committee involvement will be requested first.

AWSNA Update

- In June, AWSNA is holding a combined conference with the Alliance of Public Schools and WECAN from June 23-26 in Chicago. We are looking at who will be attending. Four to five faculty members, two delegates and one Board member. Sian noted that there are good keynotes, workshops and artistic workshops. Jim McCauley and Annie Fox expressed interest in attending and will coordinate with Sian for details.

Accreditation Input

- We are currently doing self-study. Sian is collecting input from across the school and over February break taking that input and putting it into summaries including: how the school lives up to the principles of Waldorf education; what our school does particularly well; what are we not doing as well; what are our intentions.
1. The self-study includes Board input. Later in tonight's meeting, we will discuss Resources – financial, people, time.

Rebranding Direction

- Dr. Ernst and Katie Katz, a founding member of RSSAA, was the biggest supporter of naming it Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor vs. Ann Arbor Waldorf School. The idea of changing the name and re-branding as a Waldorf school keeps coming up. We are asking for direction from the Board whether the school explores this issue and has the conversation.
- After a short discussion by the Board, rebranding will be presented to the College first in order to get feedback. It will then come back to the Board.

Board Member Notifications Through ParentSquare and Email

- Board members were informed of the ways parents and employees receive important school information through email and ParentSquare notifications.
- The group agreed to be added to these automated notification systems.

Other Business - none

2019-2020 Board Meetings

February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3