

The Island School Board Meeting
January 15, 2015

Members in Attendance: Skip Branin, Donna Lutton, Jen Campbell, Mary Keevil, Jill Chatham, Maureen Ruetters

Special Attendee: Jean Thompson, Head of School

Public in Attendance: Vicky Winterer, Island School Foundation

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM and the motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Branin advised the Board that the finances for the school are in line with projection as of the end of December 2014 (one half of fiscal year). The annual giving campaign is ahead of last year. The insurance for the golf tournament has been paid and revenues from players and sponsors are beginning to come in.

Mr. Branin recommended changing our auditing firm due to disappointments with the current firm, Hough & Company (late filing with county and errors in the audit). Mr. Branin recommended the CPA firm of Juffe, CPA in Englewood, FL that prepares the audit for The Island School Foundation. A motion was made to change to Juffe, was voted on and passed.

President's Report: Ms. Freeman, Board President, was absent today.

Foundation Report: Ms. Winterer reported on the progress of the golf tournament fundraiser. All sponsors from the previous tournament are returning this year to sponsor the event. The player field is full.

The Foundation has begun its capital campaign by hosting dinners/cocktail parties to raise awareness of the school to local residents by neighborhood. The first event, hosted by Camille Williams, Vicky Winterer and Margo Freeman resulted in volunteers signing on. Jean Thompson attended and all were pleased with the results.

Head of School Report: Ms. Thompson reported on the following topics:

1. 5K Run and Fun Walk-will be held 2/22 and sponsored by the Friends of the BG Community Center. Trail volunteers are needed.
2. Video Clip for Book Club-the Boca Beacon asked for the students to ask questions about the presidents for the Book Club presentation. This was video recorded.
3. Update on SKY Academy-Nancy Blackstone is at the tail end of closing on the building. Their charter has been approved and the school may be ready to open in the fall of 2015.

4. Chowder Fundraiser for PTO-local businesses and restaurants will be donating assorted chowders for the fundraiser. The students have made souvenir spoons to be given out to the public attending.
5. Turtle for Art Alliance-the students have decorated a papier mache turtle that will be auctioned off at the fund raiser for the BG Art Alliance.
6. Art Alliance Visiting Artist-the BG Art Alliance will be sending 2 visiting artists to visit the school.
7. Charter Renewal-Ms. Thompson continues to work on the Island School Charter that is to be renewed this year. She recommended all board members should visit the Lee County school website to review the applications that have been submitted by other charter schools.

New Business: Everything covered above.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

The next Island School Board meeting will be held on February 12, 2015

Respectfully submitted by Donna Lutton, TIS Board Secretary