

Twin Cities German Immersion School Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 5:45 pm
Twin Cities German Immersion School, District 4156
1745 University Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104

Opening Remarks

Board Chair Dr. Michael Dorneich called meeting to order at 5:45.

Board members Ken Greener, Doug Franzwa, Dr. Stefan Knep, Scot Stephenson, Dr. Andrew Oxenham, Dr. Michael Dorneich were present.

Board members Mary Zellmer-Bruhn, Rebecca Hauth-Schmid, Gretchen Nessel, Dr. Juergen Konczak were absent.

A. Approval of May 12, 2009 Agenda

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Knep seconded, that the agenda be approved. The motion passed 6:0.

B. Proxy voting

A proposal was made to amend Article 2 of the TCGIS By-laws to explicitly allow proxy voting at school meetings. The amendment adds a Section 4 to Article 2.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Mr. Franzwa seconded, that the proposed amendment of Article 2 of the by-laws be adopted. The motion passed 6:0.

C. School logo

The revised version of the new school logo was distributed to board members. Members felt that the goal of making the figure more gender-neutral had been achieved.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Mr. Stephenson seconded, that the revised logo be approved. The motion passed 6:0.

Mr. Franzwa left at 5:55pm

D. Hiring

Ms. Ingison introduced Cornelia Fritsch. Ms. Fritsch has 24 years of teaching experience. She is a Checkpoint Charlie candidate. She would be teaching Grade 4-5 science and math, as well as academic English.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Oxenham seconded, that Cornelia Fritsch be hired for 1 FTE. The motion passed 5:0.

Ms. Ingison introduced Ms. Zachmeier-Ruh. Ms. Zachmeier-Ruh is recommended for grade 5 German language, social studies and FLES at 1 FTE.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Knep seconded, that Marcy Zachmeier-Ruh be hired at 1FTE. The motion passed 5:0.

Ms. Ingison introduced Valentin Solakau. Mr. Solakau is recommend for grade 4 German language and social studies.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Mr. Greener seconded, that Valentin Solakau be hired at 0.76 FTE.

Ms. Ingison introduced Marlene Heider. Ms. Heider's MN license situation is unresolved, but she has Austrian teaching qualifications. She is recommended for Grade 3.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Oxenham seconded, that Ms. Heider be hired at 1 FTE. The motion passed 5:0.

Ms. Ingison introduced Yvonne Kuhn. Ms. Kuhn is a Checkpoint Charlie candidate and has an elementary license. She has experience in immersion, curriculum and differentiation, as well as training in German as a 2nd language.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Knep seconded, that Ms. Kuhn be hired at 1FTE. The motion passed 5:0.

Ms. Ingison introduced Michelle Knoll. Ms. Knoll has a TX license, but will receive a limited license until she completes requirements for a MN license. She currently works as a substitute teacher in all grade levels in elementary school. She has excellent German language skills. She is recommended as a Grade 3 teacher.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Oxenham seconded, that Michelle Knoll be hired at 1 FTE. The motion passed 5:0.

Ms. Ingison introduced Christina Wunsch. Ms. Wunsch is a Checkpoint Charlie candidate. She has PE grades 1-10 and English qualifications. She also has experience in teaching kids independent study skills. She has worked with non-native German speakers in Ireland. She is recommend as a PE teacher for K-5 and one section of Grade 4 English.

Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Greener seconded, that Christina Wunsch be hired at 1 FTE. The motion passed 5:0.

Ms. Ingison reported that we are still looking for a Kindergarten teacher, a part-time 5th grade English humanities teacher, and a full-time special education specialist, ideally with autism specialism.

On behalf of the board, Dr. Dorneich thanked the search committees for all their hard work and for such a successful search process.

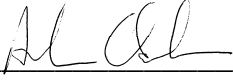
Dr. Dorneich moved, Dr. Greener seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed 5:0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Next Board Meeting: May 26, 2009, 6:30 pm
Location: TCGIS School Building
Agenda: TBA

Twin Cities German Immersion School Board Secretary

Name: Andrew J. Oxenham

Signed: 

Date: May 12, 2009

May 12, 2009 minutes approved by TCGIS Board: May 26, 2009

May 12, 2009 minutes sent to MN Dept. of Education: _____