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UPWS Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Urban Prairie Waldorf School ("UPWS") was held on August 14, 2014. Present in the meeting were Sharla Stewart ("SS"), President; Heather Berhalter ("HB"), Admissions & Enrollment Coordinator and Longterm Enrollment Strategic Planning Task Group Chair; Mary Cowen ("MC"); Peg Kern ("PK"); Peggy Lofgren ("PL"), Administrator; Brandy Masoncup ("BM"); David McClellan ("DMC"), Finance Chair; Mat Riendeau ("MR"), Faculty Chair; Fabiola Saucedo ("FS"); and Ted Shieh ("TS").

Board Orientation

SS welcomed newly elected board members and led the board in a review of major board policies, the conflict of interest policy, and the code of conduct policy. Board members signed and submitted their code of conduct agreements.

Faculty Update

MR led an overview and discussion of new faculty initiatives for the 2013-14 school year. These include:

- observing each other regularly,
- a move to annual evaluations, rather than the previous plan of every 2-3 years,
- sharing block plans prior to teaching them,
- building a grade-by-grade archive of block plans annotated with comments about how it worked in the classroom for use by future teachers,
- a summary of the teachers' summer practical arts workshop, including forging and beekeeping,
- plans to hire a pedagogical chair.

The Board discussed the need for a pedagogical chair and expressed an interest in finding that person as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.