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UPWS Board Meeting

STUDY

- Book discussion led by MC (liver...)
- Double Organs – contrasts
- Esperanza School (Grand/Western) beginning of Waldorf Schools in Chicago....
- Important to focus on how the torch is passed from older generations to newer generations...to not lose sight of meaning Waldorf education
- As long as faculty and parents are educated....
- JH stated importance of attending international Waldorf conferences
- Brain – Leadership and responsibility
- SS – instead of “performance driven” - “true learning”
- DMC is struggling with the study – (abstract) – purpose? objective?
- ML – need to be clear about what the purpose of the Board study intentions
- Action ITEM – Board development should assess the future of study
- PL – golden thread

GREEN TEAM UPDATE

- Green team consists of TS, environmental movement leader in the medical community; KS is also quite involved; SS and DN, Brandy, and other members of the community are part of the team
- Goal is to introduce environmental to be leaders in sustainability as opposed to many schools that are more parent-driven
- The team first met in October to establish a baseline assessment
- Establish metric and to provide
- Joined Echoschools - an international organization to help identify ways of being more efficient:
- Focus areas:
 - Building, grounds and maintenance; (future facility and existing)...
 - Writing an environmental preferential purchase policy....giving preference to vendors that meet a certain criteria....
 - Energy and utility use, looking for experts in usage audits to enable the efficiency
 - Food & water, making sure that vendors that serves food meets criteria
 - Waste elimination (reduce, reuse, recycle)
 - The zero waste event....Angela had the chilli cookoff idea that became a benchmark...
 - Working with Megan for the winter event to also do the zero....

- Education – important to incorporate homelife....not only students, but also faculty, parents, etc.
- Offering classes and review recycling
- Looking at increasing compost methods...
- SS – from Board perspective, important to work with teachers to adopt a green way, seeking to approve the following:
 - Spending
 - Long Term Facilities
- KS – sustainability realms....
 - Economic
 - Social
 - Environmental
- DMc stated importance of getting these principles into the RFP and importance of analyzing the economics of implementing these principles
 - Grants, incentives, etc. are available to promote this type of development
- **Board voted unanimously to approve the environmental guiding principals**

LONGTERM FACILITIES STRATEGY

- Lease of current property expires in 2018
- We received 6 responses to our RFQ
- Narrowed down to 3 finalist
- Sent an RFI to interview the 3 finalists – they will begin next Friday
- DMc, Fabiola and SS are the 3 members of the group
- Committee will be selecting
- DMc stated that we will need to break this up into phases
- Phase 1 to decide the budget
- DMc suggested to look and consider some Waldorf Architecture around the world (Important to get a feel) (San Francisco has several good examples)
- Important to keep in mind to be able to re-use or adapt a current property – important consideration
- TIFF \$ out there

Meeting concluded.