

WAB School Board Meeting Highlights Wednesday August 15th, 2007 6:00 p.m.

SMT Reception

The Board Chair invited all the SLT (being faculty and business) for the short dinner prior to the Board meeting for an introduction session, and the Board Chair thanked all the people for their contribution and hard work during this special period.

IB Result Update

Jenny Pollock presented the IB results of WAB students to the Board. It was agreed that the IB results be published to the Community as parents (both current and prospective) will use this as benchmark for school selections.

Pre-Authorization Accreditation Report

WAB has received the report from the Preparatory visit of the accreditation team. The Board reviewed the report and will take action on the recommendations on the part that related to Board and Governance.

Director's Report Highlights/Q&A

- The Acting Interim Director briefed the Board the activities of the first week of the School. Everything went smoothly thanks to the hard works of our excellent staff.
- The new Strategic Plan is being worked on and will be presented to the Board on the next Board Meeting.

Health Insurance

Because of the high claims last year, our insurance carrier Goodhealth Educare proposed to add a 20% co-insurance to all outpatient treatment and remove direct billing service, or there will be an increase of 116% in premium. The Board reviewed the proposal and had extended discussions over the issue. The Board at last decided that the Health Insurance is to be maintained at its current level until the beginning of the next academic year in 2008. However, this will have big budget impact on the School and savings have to be found somewhere to cover the cost.

Business Reports:

- It was decided that the School is to achieve more transparency in budget line management in each department.
- The Finance Committee is to consider empowering the Finance Manager to stop an over-the-budget spending or flag when spending limits have nearly been reached.
- The Board also decided not to use any colorful cover pages and dividers for the Board Reports to save the environment.
- The Admissions Manager reported that we have 1467 students this year, left fewer siblings on the waiting list, and have no over enrollment in any class. The New Student Orientation went extremely well.

- The Board discussed the issue of purchasing/leasing of the land available around WAB, and tasked the Business Manager to make the necessary inquiries with Dong Jiao. Decisions shall be made with the consideration of the long-term goals of the School.

Board Committees

The Board is in the process of populating the Committees. It was decided that an Infobyte is to go out to the Community seeking people to join IT and Finance Board Committees.

Director Search

- Interviews have been scheduled for the two candidates for the Interim Director.
- The recruitment schedule for the Director search is worked out and discussed. The target is to close the applications by mid October and have interviews by November.

Board Retreat:

The dates for the Board Retreat were set on August 24th and 25th and the venue is the MS Loft. During the Retreat the Board would set the Director's Goals and the Board Goals for the year. SLT Members will be invited to join the first day session.