



## **Endeavor Board Meeting Minutes: May 20, 2012**

### **Call to Order:**

Lisa Springle called to order the a special meeting of the Endeavor Charter School Board of Directors at 8 pm in Endeavor's multi-purpose room.

### **Present:**

Lisa Springle, Steve McAdams, Lisa Bolton, Christian Nechyba, Helen Harris, Andy Kristianson, DJ Hill, Margaret Holder

### **Discussion:**

The board discussed the size of the K-8 Endeavor program as it would move into a permanent facility over the next five years. Margaret Holder reviewed projected salary and benefit costs of three models: 3 classes per grade (18 students per class), 4 classes per grade (16 students per class), and 4 classes per grade (18 students per class). The board agreed that 16 students per class was not financially feasible, but that 3 or 4 classes per grade with 18 students per class were both financially feasible goals. Possible staffing needs of these two models was discussed. Christi Whiteside reviewed pros and cons of a 3 vs. 4 classes per grade model. The advantages of maintaining three classes per grade would include maintaining a smaller school community, keeping Spanish as a core course, and maintaining separate composition and reading instruction. The advantages of expanding to four classes per grade would include greater ease of departmentalization, a simpler division between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and greater ease of hiring due to departmentalization. The administration believed that expanding to four classes per grade only at higher grades would not be advisable from an educational standpoint. Over the course of the discussion, there was no strong recommendation or request for 3 classes or 4 classes per grade for the school as a whole.

After the discussion was concluded, Christian Nechyba made a motion that all grade levels from K-8 would have 3 classes of 18 students each when the school relocated to a permanent facility. Andy Kristianson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Adjournment:**

Lisa Springle adjourned the meeting at 9:33 pm.