

Annual Meeting Minutes May 18, 2016

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

(Minutes approved at the May 11, 2017 Annual Meeting)

Торіс	Discussion	Action (if necessary)
Welcome	Deirdre Arthen welcomed everyone and led everyone in singing "We have done marvelous things!"	
Guest Speaker	Valerie Gintis introduced the guest speaker, Lori Fresina, of the Massachusetts Charter School Association, who spoke about the current political climate in Massachusetts regarding the charter cap lift and charter schools in general, and then answered questions from the community.	
	The presentation and question/answer period were recorded so members of the school community not in attendance could have the option to receive the information presented.	
Community and Volunteer Recognition	Deirdre Arthen asked the group to raise their hands for the various ways they have volunteered - field trips, committees, in the classroom, etclots of hands went up!	
	Special appreciation for Jenn Marshall McVey for her amazing work on Valley Gives Day.	
Agenda Review Approval of Last Year's Minutes	Led by Deirdre Arthen Edits: none	Motion by Penny Leveritt, second by Mark Anderson. Minutes were unanimously approved.
Board of Trustee's Annual Report	Susannah Howe welcomed everyone to the meeting, talked about the primary activity of the board, trying to buy the building, and the overall value of contributing through school governance. She also encouraged everyone to come to board meetings which are open to all.	
Committee Reports	Annual committee reports were given by: The Personnel Committee: Steve Hoyt presented a summary including working on revising teacher salary scale and hiring policy.	
	The On-Site Committee: Charles Wiemeyer discussed forthcoming school improvements. Advised on building purchase. The Governance and Board Sustainability Committee:	
	Penny Leveritt explained what GABS does and	

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	introduced members.	
Presentation by Friends of Hilltown	Deirdre Arthen provided an annual report on the activities of Friends of Hilltown and expressed gratitude for their services. Also, the Friends of Hilltown is looking for new members.	
Community Service Learning Report	Alana Fichman, RISE Americorp Member Alana sang a song that she wrote about her time at Hilltown and all the different activities she has enjoyed at the school. Alana said she has learned a lot, has enjoyed the experience of working with all the different ages of kids at the school.	
Ratification of Mid-Term Appointments to the Board of Trustees and	Penny Leveritt, as chair of the GABS Committee, presented a proposal to approve the ratification of one mid-term appointment to the Hilltown Board of Trustees:	Penny made a motion to approve the proposal for the ratification of Terra Missildine by cooperative vote.
	Terra Missildine, owner and operations manager of Beloved Earth Company, the company that provides the cleaning services for the school. Terra joined the board as a mid-term appointment in the fall as a Community Board member.	The cooperative vote. The cooperative voted unanimously to approve Terra Missildine as a member of the Board of Trustees.
Presentation and election of proposed new Board of Trustees members	Penny Leveritt, as chair of the GABS committee introduced three proposed new board members to the community:	Penny made a motion to approve the proposal to elect the new board members by individual
	Amy Reesman, Director of Operations at CLEAResult, and Hilltown parent.	vote by the cooperative.
	Chris Greenfield, the Administrative Director of Strategic Planning and Business Development at Baystate Health and Hilltown parent.	The cooperative voted unanimously for each candidate individually and all three candidates were approved to
	Michael Filas, a Professor of English at Westfield State University and Hilltown parent.	become members of the Board of Trustees.
	The three candidates made statements of introduction and about why they would like to join the Board of Trustees.	
Adjourned at 8:35 PM		