



Laptops to Lesotho Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Via Skype

Date: January 18, 2019

Board Members in Attendance: Janissa Balcomb (President), Vicki Panhuse (Secretary/Treasurer), Kathy Plath, Sarah Balcomb Gardner

Not in Attendance: Sherrie Howey, Fortunate Gunzo, Henk Boshoff (joined after for discussion with Vicki)

The meeting was called to order by Janissa Balcomb at 8:05 AM Mountain Standard Time.

- b. November 17, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes – Kathy moved the minutes be approved as submitted and Sarah seconded. Motion passed.
- c. 2018 Year End Financial Report – Vicki reported the end of the year L2L Financial results. As of 12/31/2018, L2L has \$4,561.79 cash on hand. In December, 2 Kindle Fire 10" were purchased for evaluation. It is noted that Janissa invested in a Kindle Fire 7" personally for evaluation
- d. Old Business
 - a. Kokobe Status – Janissa reviewed the report provided by Florence from her visit to Kokobe (see appendix for the complete report)

ACTIONS:

- Request for Separate Classroom/Library to Improve Computer Usage and Lessons
 - Advice on Building and Options – Janissa contact Scott Rosenberg, Professor at Wesleyan
 - Information from Kokobe – Janissa contact Kokobe principal to determine cost estimates for building, furniture, advice on funding sources
 - Supervision of a Building Project – Janissa to discuss with Henk & Fortunate to see if either would be willing to be the Project Lead if we decide to pursue this project

- Funding Sources – Kathy to take lead on potential Funding sources for the Project
 - Request for Standard Computer to Prepare Lessons
 - Contact Solon Foundation for potential laptop donation – Janissa
 - Cost of Laptop from Jo'burg – Janissa to ask Fortunate
 - Request for XO Laptops for Teachers to Own
 - If XO's available from Alex Perez (XO Provider), purchase 12 XO's to sell to teachers – Janissa
 - Replace Batteries for XO's in Kokobe
 - Purchase 10 batteries from Alex Perez (XO Provider – Janissa
 - Request for Scholarships
 - Discuss with Sherrie for potential funding for scholarships and develop plan - Kathy
 - Concern – Retirement Requirement in Lesotho
 - Discuss options with Kokobe Principal to determine next steps – Janissa
- b. Fundraising Update – Kathy and Janissa need to connect on previous fundraising information and develop the draft budget requirements for a training trip. Other areas for consideration include Computer/Library Building, Student Scholarships, Training Trip.
- c. Kindle Fire Evaluation – Janissa has evaluated the Kindle 7" and Kathy has started evaluating the Kindle 10". Overall, Janissa is disappointed in the Kindle as a teaching tool. Not easy to organize, too much on the screen, harder for teachers to remove miscellaneous applications, no scoring on lessons. Need to evaluate if 10" has different capabilities

ACTIONS:

- Vicki – contact ASU liaison to determine if they have any capability with the Kindle Fire

- Sarah – review current capability through school system for potential teaching applications for Kindle Fire
- Janissa & Kathy – evaluate 10" versus 7", research free educational apps and resources, organization on Kindle and Scratch for Kindle

There was no New Business.

The next Board meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2019, 7 AM MST (Vicki), 8 AM MDT (Janissa, Sherrie, Kathy), 10 AM (Sarah), 3 PM (Netherlands), 4 PM (Fortunate, Henk – South Africa).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 AM MST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Panhuse
Secretary



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