

Eddyville Charter School

Board of Directors Minutes of Meeting

December 6, 2012

Board Members in Attendance: Larry Cook, Kevin McBride, Spring Howard, Jenny Demaris, Patty Kinion, Dana Scarborough, Paul Schneidecker, Christy Turner

Absent Board Members:

Administration Present: Dennis Schultz, Ann Cook, Lisa Renfrow

Meeting called to order: The November/December meeting was called to order by Kevin McBride at 6:30 p.m.

Interested Parties:

Sixth grade teacher, Sean Bedell and class presented projects from the first quarter forestry class. Students collected data to make recommendations to best manage the forested area around the school grounds. Power Point presentations by: Courtney Gilseth, Jacob Dobmeier, Trent Kinion, and Devyn Wagner.

Senior Class President, Coleman Swenson presented a proposal for a class trip to the Deschutes Riverside Retreat in Bend on February 8-11th. The cost budgeted for the trip is \$4000, which the students have earned through fundraisers over the years. Bob Pearson and Sandi LaRoche have agreed to supervise the trip. Board members expressed concern about the student to staff ratio. Dana Scarborough made a motion to approve the trip with the addition of at least two more chaperones. Spring Howard seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Jackie Quetschke shared with the Board the vision and hearing screenings have been completed with the Lions Club and volunteers.

There are currently 50 elementary students participating in the free dental fluoride program offered through the Department of Human Services.

Basketball sign-ups were completed and practices have started for students in grades 3-8. Unlike last year teams are not co-ed. There will be 3/4 grade teams for boys and girls, 5/6 grade team for boys and girls, and 7/8 grade team for boys.

Christy Turner excused herself from the Board as a member and shared concerns of ECS not having a High School Boys Basketball team. Dennis Schultz explained there was a lack of academically eligible students interested in playing. There was also fear that we would not be able to sustain a team and have to forfeit games which would not be favorable to the school. Concern was expressed about the lack of students participating in sports and the importance of building interest, encouraging students academically, and

supporting our teams. Jenny Demaris felt communication is the key and that the school should have clear information for students, staff, and parents using various means; letters, school website, parent night, etc. to get information out. Talking with kids early on and making sure everyone is on board and ready to help students be successful. Mr. Schultz shared that he has talked with students often; encouraging them to talk with their teachers, check grades on Pinnacle, and having coaches meet with students early on to determine interest. Patty Kinion expressed that success is based on the solid programs that are in place and organized.

Suggestions included having an evaluation procedure in place for all parties involved to better determine strengths and areas of concern to be addressed and more efficient communication not just before a sport season, but all through the year.

Written Communication and Acknowledgement:

Building Use forms were presented for the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church Youth Rally in January. This is an annual event held in the gym and multi-purpose room. A motion was made by Larry Cook to approve the building use and Spring Howard seconded the motion. All members voted in agreement.

Reading of Minutes:

A motion by Larry Cook was made to approve the minutes as written. Dana Scarborough seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement to approve.

Financial Report:

Patty Kinion made a motion to approve the financial report as submitted (check #'s 15301-15435) for a total of \$106,979.54. Spring Howard seconded the motion and all members voted to approve. Ann Cook explained that the audit is complete. Accolades were given for completing on time and satisfying all criteria.

Student Enrollment Report:

Current enrollment is 224 students. A few students are expected to withdraw due to families moving allowing us to take a look at students on the waiting list.

Administration Report:

Safety drills are being completed on schedule, with a reverse evacuation and a fire drill in December. Two drills are scheduled for December. We are using the required drill guidelines from the state and the calendar set up LCSD.

Water system updates provided by Landon Lightle. We are closer to resolution, with everyone on the same page. We are about a week behind the schedule outlined by Landon Lightle.

The storage addition to the MP room is framed in and progressing on schedule. The contractor, Steve Arnould is the same contractor who put up the storage building with

student help as part of Bob Pearson's BLM grant work. The rain gutter crew was on site last week and will plan to finish up their work Friday and Saturday.

The Homework club started this week and will run Tuesday and Wednesday from 3-4:30 PM throughout the year with transportation by bus to Toledo. A snack will be provided. Kim Kellison and Kelsi Halverson are sharing the tutoring duties. The program is funded through a grant from the Homeless Education and Literacy Project headed by Amy Becksted, our east county advocate.

LCSD was the only school district in Oregon to receive a federal literacy grant. Grant funds will support the LCSD's "Project Seal: Students Engaged in Authentic Literacy." Mr. Schultz provided the website yaquinawavelength.com/2012/10/24/school-district-receives-huge-library-and-literacy-grant/ and www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-education-department-awards-28-million-boost-literacy-skills-low-income-stude for more details. ECS has been given the opportunity to participate. This grant will bring to ECS:

- 7.5 hours/wk a library assistant which will be scheduled on "B" days to give teachers an opportunity to use the library;
- Classroom set of portable wireless computer devices to be checked out from the library;
- \$1,500 worth of books or subscriptions for the library;
- Year one will allow 2 to 4 Kindergarten-Sixth grade staff to become a member of the 60 strong "Model Classroom design Team" a project of the Pearson Foundation's New Learning Classroom, and the use of an online community.
- Year 2 will involve grade 7-12 teachers.

Student updates from Mr. Schultz:

Several students have had one day out of school suspension as a result of skipping class, bus referral, or tobacco use; three students have been suspended and/or expelled for more than one day. One incident was for drug possession and the other two incidences were for open defiance, profane and obscene language.

Mr. Schultz acknowledged the work of the resource room this year. Mrs. Alexander along with her staff in collaboration with all of the support from other LCSD specialists have really been on top of updating student IEP's and delivering the necessary support to ECS students both in and out of the classroom. Intern Psychologist, Summer Holmes is currently working closely with students and staff.

Oregon School Board Association Attorney, Haley Percell, will be doing an after school presentation to staff on bullying; Thursday, December 13th starting at 3 PM in the library. Mr. Schultz invited Board members to attend. Mr. Schultz also shared he is also looking into having an officer come and present information on cyber bullying to our students.

The Board section of the website now has 2011-12 minutes and is current with approved 2012-13 minutes. Mr. Schultz thanked Kevin McBride for his bio-sketch which has been published in the Oct./Nov. student newsletter.

Facility Report:

Landon Lightle submitted a facilities report detailing the progress of the water quality and what is being done to improve the system.

A contract was submitted for approval for Stacey Stoudenmeyer to provide Media support to students for 7.5 hours a week. This contract is for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year and is funded by a Literacy Grant. Larry Cook made a motion to approve the contract. Jenny Demaris seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Mrs. Cook shared the results of her inquiry regarding insurance coverage needed for a school ski trip and if our current policy provided coverage. She explained our policy does not cover these trips and that the insurance company does not support schools to sponsor a ski trip. A waiver would not release the school from liabilities. It was suggested that a weekend trip with a hired bus from Mid-Columbia sponsored by the Booster Club may be a way to offer this activity to interested students and families. Jenny Demaris made a motion to not accept the proposal of a ski trip due to recommendations and liabilities. Dana Scarborough seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

A discussion was held to look at a process to evaluate Dennis Schultz, our Superintendent. It was determined that Student Council, the Board of Directors and ECS staff would all be given surveys to complete and return. An example of the evaluation was passed out and suggestions of changes were made and agreed upon. Changes to the survey included a way to identify the group completing the survey and selection of N/O (not observed) added as a choice. The evaluations will be sent out and requested to be returned prior to the next Board meeting January 17, 2013.

Dana Scarborough, Kevin McBride, and Spring Howard agreed to be part of a sub-committee to review evaluations.

Committee Reports:**Old Business:**

Kevin McBride explained to Shyla Luchini that the Board had voted to withdraw her membership due to non-attendance of three consecutive meetings. It was determined that we would not fill this position. A discussion was held concerning communication and looking at bylaws for membership. Jenny Demaris suggested a sub-committee to work on membership. This would be best if done in the next 90 days. Interested members for a sub-committee: Jenny Demaris, Patty Kinion, Larry Cook, and Paul Schneidecker

Dana Scarborough asked if we had displayed information relating to Domestic Abuse and if not how we could best make this information available for public use and distribution.

Patty Kinion inquired if anyone on staff has been trained for the Tobacco Abuse/Prevention program. Dennis Schultz shared that he approached several staff, but they

were not available to take the training. Students will be mailed the information regarding services offered through the health based clinic.

New Business:

PERS and how will this impacts the Charter school?

Adjournment:

Larry Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Spring Howard seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.