

Eddyville Charter School

Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting

January 9, 2014 (combined mtgs for Nov/Dec/Jan due to weather-related cancelations in Dec.)

- **Board Members in Attendance:** Larry Cook, Patty Kinion, Dana Scarborough, Jenny Demaris, Christy Turner, Jenny Demaris, and Paul Schneidecker
- **Absent Board Members:** Kevin McBride
- **Administration Present:** Dennis Schultz, Ann Cook, Lisa Renfrow

Meeting called to order:

The meeting was called to order by Jenny Demaris at 6:41 p.m.

Interested Parties:

Sixth grade teacher, Sean Bedell, shared with the Board an overview of the Tsunami project his 6th grade students participated in. Mr. Bedell also presented the results of the Samsung "Solve for Tomorrow," technology grant he applied for in which he was named the state finalist for Oregon and awarded a \$20,000 technology package. Sean and his students are working on completing a video summary of the proposed project by February 12th to qualify them for the next level of the contest.

Jenny Demaris offered to have ECS students come and observe as the County does a full scale test of operations.

Written Communication and Acknowledgement:

None

Athletic Report:

Shelley Moore provided the Board with an update on athletics at ECS. Currently there are 48 students out for basketball in grades 3-8. The boy's varsity team has 10 players and the girls has 9. The boy's basketball team are sporting new uniforms thanks to a generous donation from Janet Snyder, Michael Ulstad's grandmother and former teacher at Eddyville School.

Academic grade checks for athletes continue biweekly for all grades. We are the only school in our conference as well as Lincoln County to track grades for all student athletes. *Elementary student athletes will have their grade report go home to reinforce the student/athlete connection.* The two week grade checks have proven to be more manageable for us than the 6-week check that other schools use. See the parent/student handbook for more information, <http://eddyvillecharterschool.org/documents/multiplenews/2013-14-ecs-student-parent-handbook>. The elementary staff has also developed a Lunch Bunch program for all students. *A parent tip/suggestion sheet has been created to give helpful tips to families for supporting the challenges of helping their child manage school work and athletics.* Christy Turner made a suggestion that examples of nutritious foods for athletes be included in the information provided to parents and that it be posted on the web site.

Although our school has a low sports participation fee (\$30), there is a huge need for a fee waiver assistance program. Fundraising opportunities are being explored and those wishing to sponsor a student are welcome to do so.

Patty Kinion brought up the lack of gym access. Shelley Moore explained that Rank One has the ability to schedule facility use. Shelley Moore, Landon Lightle, and Dennis Schultz are working on training key and building use procedures allowing coaches to gain access to the building.

Reading of Minutes:

Larry Cook made a motion to approve the Board minutes as presented. Patty Kinion seconded the motion and members voted in agreement.

Financial Report:

Patty Kinion made a motion to approve the financial report as submitted (check #'s 15905-16036 for a total of \$80,678.42). Dana Scarborough seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Business Office Report:

Ann Cook directed attention to page 15 of the Board packet showing that State School Funding is holding strong at \$6667.00. Mrs. Cook also presented information requesting an adjustment to the 13/14 budget of \$48,323.52 due to additional funding from transportation reimbursement.

Dana Scarborough made a motion to adjust the funding as presented. Patty Kinion seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Mrs. Cook explained that currently we have 59% of our budget remaining, with the bulk of purchases encumbered at the beginning of the year. Special Contracts were presented for approval for athletic coaches and a media assistant position.

Dana Scarborough made a motion to approve the contracts and Spring Howard seconded the motion. All members voted in agreement.

Student Enrollment Report:

Enrollment is currently 216 students.

Facilities Report:

Water Update: Landon Lightle prepared an update informing the Board of Rau Plumbing replacing the plumbing under the high school wing. As of 1/6/14 the unofficial news of all water tests submitted were satisfactory. The lab results were sent to the state and will be available. Ann Cook, Landon Lightle, and Dennis Schultz are trying to meet briefly on Monday morning to discuss facility needs and ongoing plans for site maintenance.

Administrative report by Dennis Schultz:

Kim Kellison has organized secondary (6-12) staff meetings. These meetings will take place on the alternate Mondays of the regular all-staff meetings. The first meeting addressed concerns and resulted in the implementation of the academic lunch detention program for students who

are failing or behind on work. Student response has mostly been positive. See the parent/student handbook for more information, <http://eddyvillecharterschool.org/documents/multiplenews/2013-14-ecs-student-parent-handbook>.

Staff will begin to meet to discuss and evaluate implementation of proficiency grading.

Sandi LaRoche has been attending the LCSD counselor meetings to get updated information and share with staff. She also meets with each student to discuss class needs to meet graduation requirements and explore career interests.

An Administrator meeting is scheduled on Wednesday afternoons to address concerns, student issues, and start developing a plan to review and create and implementation plan for new curriculum on a scheduled basis. This team will also evaluate building issues and space allocation for next year, and give input for the upcoming 2014-15 schedule based on student needs.

Final details were completed and submitted for the PEEK Grant. All requirements have been met and we are just waiting for word from ODE.

All staff will attend the John Norlin seminar rescheduled for March 15th on servant leadership and character development. We are talking about implementing one of the eight character traits each month during the rest of the school year in order to begin to educate students on good character.

- Workshop for MS students through the Ovation company out of Idaho. The plan is to bring in about 150-170 MS students from a few of the surrounding schools. See <http://www.ovationcompany.com/> for more information and be sure to watch their promotional video clip. *We are still working to schedule this and it's our hope is that it will happen.*
- Leadership class - currently I'm meeting with ~10 MS /HS students on Wednesday during lunch time. It's not ideal, but it's a start.
- Simple goals for the class include:
 - make each of us a better person;
 - encourage others in school to care about and be nice to each other;
 - make ECS a place to come to feel and experience community;
 - to be intentional about our service to each other, to the school and its community;
 - to understand and implement as best we can school-wide the 8-essentials to becoming a successful leader.

If you need a current copy of the 2013-14 ECS Student/Parent Handbook it can be downloaded from the ECS homepage. The language for the academic lunch detention was added and *any updates during the school year* will be found through the link on the home page.

Mr. Schultz presented a letter to the Board from Bob Santelli, father of ECS teacher Jenna Santelli, asking if Eddyville Charter school was interested in the possibility of sending several students to the White House to a music education program with First lady, Michelle Obama the

President. Bob Santelli visited Eddyville earlier this year and presented a short workshop for elementary students and another for interested high school students.

Larry Cook made a motion for more information to be brought before the Board for approval of out of state travel. Spring Howard seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Old Business:

Patty Kinion asked that Board meetings not be cancelled by anyone other than a Board member. *At the next meeting an amendment will be presented for vote and approval.*

Discussion was held about the status of the security lights placement and working condition for safety. Larry Cook also inquired about the timeline for installation of the front entrance door entry alert and locking mechanism.

New Business:

Mr. Schultz submitted a letter of consideration for *Charter School renewal* and welcomed input from the Board for an explanation of the past process. In the past ECS has requested that the enrollment cap be raised from 200 and it was suggested that we try to raise the cap to 210. Patty Kinion asked about the benefits of writing two separate charters, one for elementary and another for middle/high school. It was felt that this would be worth exploring. Mr. Schultz said he would get input from Siletz Valley Charter, Lincoln County School District and the Oregon Department of Education.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:26 PM

Move to Executive Meeting

Regular Session resumed at 8:36 PM

A work session meeting was scheduled for next Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 to compile, review, and then decide best how to present information gathered from the administrator survey. The next Board meeting will be held on February 20th.

Larry Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Christy Turner seconded the motion. All members voted in agreement.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:41 PM.