

Eddyville Charter School

Board of Directors Minutes of Meeting October 17, 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Larry Cook, Patty Kinion, Dana Scarborough, Jenny Demaris, and Christy Turner.

Absent Board Members: Kevin McBride and Paul Schneidecker

Administration Present: Dennis Schultz, Ann Cook, Lisa Renfrow

Meeting called to order:

The meeting was called to order by Jenny Demaris at 6:30 p.m.

Interested Parties:

Stephanie Mekemson, Booster Club Vice-President, requested permission to change the banners on the outside of the building to LOGO banners purchased by businesses in the area to be placed along the fence in the no parking area or the fire zone. The new banners will be two feet by four feet and will be easy to put up and take down. Current annual membership is \$25 for the orange signs hung in the gym and \$100.00 for the banners. Stephanie asked everyone to encourage folks to renew or purchase new memberships. Dana Scarborough made a motion for the new and future banners to be placed along the fence. Spring Howard seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Written Communication and Acknowledgement: None

Athletic Report:

Shelley Moore presented the Board with an update on the High School Volleyball program and thanked everyone for their support. On October 24th the team will be traveling to Crow to play for 5th place. Shelley Moore feels the athletes have had a great time, demonstrated good sportsmanship, improved academics and overall school behavior. The team also completed four community service projects, including volleyball camp for the younger teams, organizing the sports equipment, assisting with the first day of school, and assisting with an elementary recess giving elementary teaching staff an opportunity to meet. For National Fan Week the team organized a "PINK OUT" in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

For the very first time Eddyville Charter fielded a Cross Country Team coached by Micheal Ulstad. Shelley Moore reported that the team had just completed their first full team meet with everyone earning a new personal record. She also believed that Eddyville will have competitive basketball teams this year.

Mrs. Moore reported changes to athletics which include Bi-weekly grade checks for student athletes, with staff supporting students and encouraging completion. The first step is to see that grade checks are turned in and then working with what is on the grade sheet. This will become an expectation for our middle school students and will become a program across all grade levels. The face to face interaction with student and staff is very beneficial. Grades have improved with only one F or no pass grade.

Upcoming projects: The volleyball net system is outdated and unsafe. Mrs. Moore is planning to submit a grant to the Siletz Tribal Foundation for a new system with the balance to be made up through fund raising. All other equipment is in good shape.

She also explained the big project she would like to see happen is an overall update to the track, a remodeled storage shed, bleachers, and jumping facility. She believes that an improved track and field would increase school spirit and pride, promote health and fitness, allow opportunities to host events and save money, and build a sense of community. To help with the funding, Mrs. Moore would like to organize a *large game* night fundraiser with a hunting theme to include raffles, dinner, silent auction, notable speaker, donations, meat samples, and displays. It's a big project that would require volunteers interested in working on planning committees.

On November 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. ECS will be holding a Fall Awards night to recognize athletes. A dinner will be provided by the Booster Club with donations accepted to cover expenses.

Reading of Minutes:

Larry Cook made a motion to approve the board minutes as presented. Dana Scarborough seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Financial Report:

Patty Kinion made a motion to approve the financial report as submitted (check #'s 15829-15904 for a total of \$71,865.62). Dana Scarborough seconded the motion and all members voted in agreement.

Business Office Report:

Ann Cook presented a packet of student body account information and an explanation of how the account process works. A check request needs to be submitted and then approved. Mrs. Cook supplied a packet of bank reconciles for the Board to review. The staff will be educated on how to request funds and submit receipts to satisfy the auditors.

Student Enrollment Report:

ECS's enrollment is currently 219 students.

Administration Report:

Kim Kellison presented the Board with a curriculum update by giving an overview of proficiency based learning and what it means for ECS. As a charter school we are not required by law to implement, however most schools in the state of Oregon are moving to

a proficiency-based learning model. We are currently in the process of training staff on proficiency grading and assessment that would comply with new law. Kim Kellison and Dawn Sarni recently attended a proficiency-based training in October. We also plan to send 1-2 staff to a similar training for elementary grades.

ECS has received preliminary approval for the PEEK grant from ODE. A site council was formed including: Shelley Moore, Sandi LaRoche, Kim Kellison, Kathleen Dougherty, and Ann Cook to look at different goals and elements of the grant. There will be an article in the next school newsletter inviting additional volunteers to participate. Currently we are waiting for a signature from Tom Rinearson to move forward with the grant.

Facility Report:

Landon Lightle provided the Board with an overview of facility and maintenance projects. The following safety issues have been addressed:

- ✓ Smoke detectors have been replaced;
- ✓ alarms issues solved;
- ✓ fire extinguishers moved to more effective areas;
- ✓ emergency drills on schedule with an alternative evacuation area created;
- ✓ light bulbs replaced in gym,
- ✓ reader board repaired,
- ✓ phone system upgraded and a phone line added to the stage for Mrs. LaRoche;
- ✓ continued progress is being made with the drinking water. Currently bids are being sought to replace the supply line under the high school wing. We will also have more testing to be completed before the end of 2013.
- ✓ progress continues in working toward upgrading wireless and the server at ECS. by the end of 2013 we hope to have our network-related projects completed;
- ✓ Landon is also suggesting a battery backup and line conditioner for the phone system be installed to give up to eight hours of back up.

Topics to discuss at the next safety committee meeting will be an evacuation drill after an earthquake drill.

Ann Cook suggested a front door locking mechanism be put in place as well as a security camera system.

Mr. Schultz provided Board members with results of the 2012/13 State Report Card for ECS which is also available on our school website. Statewide results can be found on the ODE website. On Fridays middle and high school students will attend shortened morning classes allowing time for students to participate in scheduled advisory groups, clubs, and activities.

Mr. Schultz provided the Board with a handout describing the John Norlin Servant Leadership and Character Development Workshop to be held at the Toledo Jr/Sr High School on December 7th. His hope is to take a group of leadership students made up of class offices and student council members to be trained and, staff and board members. In the spring, ECS will possibly host an event inviting groups of middle school students take

part in a presentation offered through the Ovation company, <http://www.ovationcompany.com/>. Not only would this bring positive attention to ECS but also work towards creating a change in student behavior and the ECS culture with the “BE NICE” theme. Mr. Schultz invited the Board to explore the program.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Meeting Adjourned:

Larry Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dana Scarborough seconded the motion. All members voted in agreement at 7:50 p.m.