

Inavale Community Partners
Special Board Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2008
Amended 9/10/08

Meeting convened at Muddy Creek Charter School, 5:05pm

Present: Jen Renée, Payton James-Amberg, Kathy Brewer, Beth Jordan, Tanya Freeman, Kathleen Westly

Purpose of Special Meeting: To discuss and decide upon our course of action to address the concern raised about the presence of lead in the facility.

Kathy Brewer suggested getting the district's protocol for dealing with lead – how frequently they test, what they do about painting, how they handle abatement, and specifically what has been done at the Inavale facility. **Action Item: Kathleen Westly** will contact the district's risk management group to get this information.

Tanya Freeman summarized the concern as raised by Ted Wade, a Muddy Creek Charter School parent. During the course of preparing the Kindergarten room for painting, there was some sanding done, and Ted was concerned about lead paint dust that might have been dislodged. Prior to the completion of painting, he used a home swab test to check three locations where underlying layers of paint were exposed on woodwork in the classroom. Two of the locations tested negative and one positive. An email from Ted detailing the places he tested and his level of satisfaction with our intended course of action is attached to these minutes.

Beth Jordan, another Muddy Creek Charter School parent, was present at the meeting and detailed the prep sanding she did in the room. No woodwork was sanded; holes and dings in the walls where she and others had spackled were sanded. It was agreed that most of the sanding dust was spackle. Her primary concern about old flaking/chipping paint is the grate that covered the air duct to the room. This does have flaking paint, and has not yet been repainted, nor had it been put back into place, as we are waiting for the district to do some work on the duct. We removed this grate from the room and placed it in a bag in the janitor's closet. The sanding in this room was done after the carpets had been professionally cleaned, though it was thoroughly vacuumed after painting. All wall, cabinet, and trim surfaces received three coats of paint.

There was also some sanding done in the grades 1-2-3 classroom, some of which was on woodwork. This was done prior to the professional carpet cleaning, and the woodwork has been painted over.

We agreed to have a professional lead test of the facility run. We expect that this will happen on Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

We discussed the potential for lead exposure in these rooms, as well as the facility in general. As the widely accepted method for dealing with lead paint is to paint over it so as to seal it in, the rooms that have been painted (the three classrooms) are likely the best rooms for the children to be in. We do not believe that the level of lead that may be present in the room is high enough to be a hindrance to having children in the room for the few days prior to receiving the lab results from the testing. We agreed that the painting of these rooms has covered any lead paint that may have been exposed. As the Kindergarten room prep and painting was done after the carpet was cleaned, we will steam clean the

carpet in that room again prior to the start of school, as an additional precautionary measure

Motion made (Kathleen) to adopt the following course of action:

- Clean the carpet in the Kindergarten room, Monday September 1, 2008.
- Have Atez Environment Testing test for lead levels in the hard and soft surfaces of the facility, to be performed on Tuesday, September 2, 2008. We expect to have the lab results back by the end of this same week. We will publish the results of this test.
- Have the students attend class in their respective intended rooms.
- Should the test reveal unacceptable levels of lead presence, we will reconvene to plan our next course of action.

Motion seconded (Tanya), passed fists of four.

Action Items: **Tanya Freeman** will bring steam cleaner to school Monday, September 1. **Tanya** will also contact Atez to arrange testing.

Adjourned 6:00pm
Minutes submitted by Kathleen Westly

Attachment - Email from Ted Wade to Kathleen Westly:

Hi Kathleen,

Thanks for taking care of this. I am very satisfied with the course of action you are taking. I am not overly concerned with possible short term exposure before the tests come back so the decision to move the kids or not is up to you. As I observed there was minimal sanding going on when I was there, but I was not present for all the prep work. The solution if the tests are positive is to clean the solid surfaces more so a very thorough cleaning now will probably minimize the risk. The carpets are another thing, talk to the environmental company about what to do with those if the tests come back positive. I am not sure how they might test carpets but they definitely need to be checked.

I tested in the kindergarten classroom using a simple home swab test that turns red in the presence of lead.

I tested for lead on the outside of the kindergarten room door at a place where a ding had exposed the bare wood below. This means that the previous layers of paint were also exposed. The test was negative.

I tested for lead on the chalk board tray at a place where a ding had exposed the bare wood below. The test was negative.

I tested for lead on one of the doors of the cabinets over the sink at a place where a ding had exposed the bare wood below. The test was positive.

Thanks again

Ted Wade