

Inavale Community Partners
Board Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2008

Meeting convened at Muddy Creek Charter School, 7:10pm

Present: Jen Renee, Payton James-Amberg, Anita Grunder, Kathy Brewer, Tanya Freeman, Morning McCreary, Marilyn Dilles, Kathleen Westly

Approval of meeting minutes: Read through ICP/MCS minutes of regular meeting 9/15/08. Motion to approve (Payton), as revised in meeting, second (Tanya); passed fists of fours and fives.

Reviewed Agenda: reviewed emailed agenda, added one item.

Public Comment: Marilyn expressed her disappointment that the Inavale library has been totally dispersed, and MCCA must now create a library from scratch. She volunteered to look for books that the school needs from a variety of sources. **AI: Kathy** contact Jennifer to get a list of books for Marilyn to look for at the Friends of the Library sale in February; **Kathy** to connect Marilyn with Jennifer.

Treasurer's Report: Payton presented a first-pass profit and loss statement. Motion made (Anita) to authorize Payton to get a credit card for MCCA use with Jen as signatory, assuming she will have no personal liability for it, second (Kathleen); passed fours and five. **AI: Tanya** will check with insurance agency as to what Jen's liability would be.

Independent Community Center (ICC) Potluck: Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5 at 5:00pm, at the ICC. ICC community wants to revitalize the center. They would like to route donations made to ICC through Inavale Community Partners; 501(c)3. Board discussed how the logistics of this would work and what, if any potential liability ICP would incur. Agreed in principal to do this, with a 5% charge for administering this service. **AI: Tanya** will check out what potential liability ICP will incur with our insurance agency.

Budget Report: We received \$3,000 from the Clemens Foundation – **thanks, Payton!! AI: Kathy** to get a “kid-friendly” thank you to them. Phase III grant money paperwork has been submitted. We have an email telling us it has been approved, but no hardcopy paperwork as of yet. **AI: Payton** to return cell phone. **AI:** Stove wiring needs to be done by a licensed electrician. Rick Meyner knows someone who could do it (would donate time??) **AI: ??** contact Rick to make contact with this person. Payton reviewed, recommended that the board pass budget J1. Motion made to approve budget J1 (Anita), second (Tanya); passed fists of five.

Discussed meeting structure: Discussed how best to separate MCCA business from ICP business in meetings, and to choose which group needs to be working on which items. Agreed that we need to be more rigorous in keeping MCCA tasks off of the ICP agenda and to have those tasks managed by appropriate work groups and staff.

Grange Report: Tanya reported on the architect's report for the two options to restore the grange. The first option would handle the basic structural/functional basics and provide adequate ADA compliance and cost ~\$200,000. The second, full-on overhaul would cost ~\$500,000. The grange building committee will meet on October 6 at 6:30pm at MCCA to discuss which strategy to follow. Work on applying for National Historic Registry is proceeding apace. A meeting to induct new members to the grange will be held on October 14 at MCCA – potluck 6:30, meeting 7:00. State grange master will induct new members.

ICP Logo: **AI: Payton** will get MCCS logo files to John for updating to remove school house for ICP logo.

Procedure to Field Trips #00009: Discussed written procedure. Motion made to approve procedure #00009 (Kathleen), second (Anita); passed fists of four.

Other policies and procedures: **AI: Payton** look for draft discipline policy to give to Jen. **AI: Jen** get info on other policies and procedures that are in draft form.

Strategy for adding 6th grade: We have a number of 5th graders now who would like to attend MCCS for 6th grade also. We have Phase III grant money available to spend now on setting up a 6th grade classroom. We need to do some research on: what the plan for Lincoln's middle school program is, how our adding 6th would impact the Lincoln program, the money that MCCS is bringing into the district that offsets any potential loss in adding 6th, and poll 5th grade families on their interest.

Maintenance pow-wow: We need the roll-up of September maintenance charges; will reconvene then to work on our strategy for meeting with the district. **AI: Payton** to check on cost report from the district to see which one we've received.

Executive Director Report:

Nikki Lancaster has been hired as custodian – **welcome and thank you, Nikki!**

Restore Workshop meeting – Jen updated board on the meeting with the representative from the Institute for Applied Ecology and the invitation MCCS has received to be one of the three pilot programs in the area to institute a restoration project on our school site. Kriste York and Leah Gorman will attend the workshop slated for October 10.

Campout – it was a big success! The kids had a great time and it was definitely a community-building experience.

Curriculum night – Thursday, October 9. Leah, Jenny & Janelle will present curriculum in their rooms at 6:30. Kriste has already reviewed curriculum with parents in conferences before start of school. Her class will be continuing their voter registration drive and then she will address project learning for all interested MCCS parents at 7:30. Childcare will be provided. Parents should sign up.

Fire marshal visit – revisited; discussed what our options are with the Firtex. Zach is looking into cost of dry-walling affected ceilings; will address with district.

First-aid class – coordinating through insurance company. This will be for staff and for some volunteers.

Board/Staff Training: **AI: Jen** will find out from staff when they would be available.

Community Extravaganza: Discussed how to combo with grange for craft fair, etc.. Motion made to pay for the \$23 holiday ad fee if grange wants to organize (Payton), second (Anita); passed fists of four. **AI: Anita** contact Charlotte from grange about date, organizing.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 13.
Adjourned 9:50pm
Minutes submitted by Kathleen Westly