

Inavale Community Partners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2009

Convened 7:10pm

Present: Jen Renée, Tanya Freeman, Payton James-Amberg, Christine Horning, Anita Grunder, Kathleen Westly

*Approval of Agenda: Approved*

*Approval of Minutes:* Made two alterations to the 12/18/08 minutes. Motion made to approve, with alterations, 12/18/08 minutes (Tanya), second (Payton); passed fists of five. **AI:** **Kathleen** make alterations, sign.

*Public Input:* Morning knows of two families that are considering moving to Corvallis so that their children can attend Muddy Creek. Anita informed the board that Marilyn Dilles has collected information from 509J on how to decide on the suitability of materials for the library. She will bring this information to the school. **AI:** **Kathy** follow up with Jennifer McKay to see what she's gathered for this also.

*Treasurer's Report:* Payton presented the profit/loss statement for December. We had over \$13,000 donated to MCCA in the matched funds drive. Payton will open the account to hold summer salary funds and an account for the grange. Payton has turned in the financial reports due to the district; was asked (by Kathy Rodeman) and answered some questions regarding these reports. Budget changes that affect upcoming budgets are that PERS has gone down (which MCCA will realize as a savings over previous budget), and ADMw has gone down (which MCCA will realize as a decrease in income). We are under-spending on utilities, and slightly over on diesel. We have not yet received a maintenance bill from the district; Payton does not believe that we have the ability to look into the Work Order system to see what work orders have been charged against us. We do know that we have not spent more than we have paid to district for maintenance.

Anita updated the board on the status of the Independent Community Center fund raising drive. Letters have recently gone out to raise money for the ICC heating system; checks are to be written to ICP. Discussed and agreed that Payton will open a separate account which will cover all non-MCCA monies (namely, for now, the Grange and ICC).

*Insurance, Liability:* **AI:** **Anita** to find out what insurance, if any, ICC has and give this information to Tanya. **Tanya** will check with our insurance agency regarding liability ICP would incur with ICC.

*Teacher Education Opportunity:* Christine filled in the board about the summer agriculture institute. It is a five-day class 6/22 - 27. It costs \$400, will provide course credits to attendee. Christine proposes that Leah attend, which she would like to do. Leah needs to apply. Board agreed to support all teachers to attend this institute that are able.

*Grange Report:* Meeting next Tuesday, 1/13, 6:30pm. Anita will give key to Grange folk then.

*Gym Rental Requests:* Destination Imagination: Christine will oversee, open and close. AI: Jen give keys to Christine; check security code. Motion to approve (Anita), second (Tanya); passed fists of five. **AI:** **Jen** create form for gym use, **AI:** **Jen** post uses on calendar.

Basketball, other sports: 10 - 12 people, currently using Alpine school, paying \$2.50 per person per time. Looking for closer, twice/week. Board held a general discussion regarding oversight of such gym uses,

opening/closing. Aspects to consider: no phone access in gym, cost to re-key gym door, is it possible to arm the building over certain hours (program), is there an MCCS person who is available to be paid to be here during such activities, cleaning and equipment fees. **AI:** **Jen** will think through and work on to make a proposal regarding to the board.

*School Report:* Current enrollment: 63 - have two new students; a first grader and a fourth grader.

Oaks testing to begin next week.

Playground needs - last inspection revealed the need for more fall protection (we have about \_ of what we should. **AI:** **Jen** will contact a couple of families about their offers to supply/help haul in hogs fuel.

*6<sup>th</sup> grade Reconfiguration:* Discussed proposal. **AI:** **Kathleen** send out updated info to board electronically.

**AI:** **Kathleen** to confirm 1/26 509J agenda.

*SIF:* Anita presented document to Mike Strowbridge detailing our participation. We will discuss with him and Steve Youngblood in 1/12/09 meeting.

*Prioritization of funds received in matching drive:* Jen and Payton have discussed how best to apply (some of) these funds. Payton suggested using \$6100 of the donated funds to increase the hours for the administrative assistant (add 10 hours per week, would also extend weeks worked before starts in September and after school ends in June) and custodian (add six hours per week) positions, and to pay for bookkeeper position 5 hours per week (at \$10 per hour). Also, this would allow some additional funding for substitute teacher time. Board discussed this proposal; agreed to increase time as Payton suggested, also to pay bookkeeper for 10 hours per week. This will use a total of \$7500 from the donation drive. Motion made to use \$7500 from donation drive funds to increase hours for administrative assistant to 20 per week, custodian to 12 per week, to pay bookkeeper for 10 hours per week and to provide additional funds for additional hourly staff time (Anita), second (Tanya); passed fists of three and fives. Motion made to authorize Jen to hire a bookkeeper (Christine), second (Kathleen); passed fists of four and fives. Payton abstained from vote because of her interest in being hired as the bookkeeper.

*Frequency of P.E. and use of Buddy System:* Discussed these two aspects of our program, as to how we are meeting our committed level in each. Agreed that Jen will research the frequency of PE as held in each class, and report back to the board. Also, she will determine if health is required by state, and if that fulfills PE requirements. While we do not have a formalized buddy system in place, we do have a lot of student to student interaction. Needs to be discussed further as to what should be changed, if anything.

*Social Skills Curriculum:* Discussed work that SSC committee has completed. Motion made to approve the outline of objectives and goals for a social skills curriculum, as developed by the Social Skills Workgroup, as revised in this, 1/08/09, meeting (Anita), second (Kathleen); passed fists of three, four and fives. A committee will be formed to research and recommend a curriculum to be used for this purpose.

*Open Houses:* Footwise window scheduled February 3 - 16. Open house with potluck lunch provided by Muddy Creek families to be held February 21, 11 - 2. Discussed ways to have prospective families meet teachers, become familiar with curriculum. Planned to host a curriculum night for prospective families week of March 2.

*Posting now for new teacher:* a posting for the additional teacher position has gone up.

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*Facility Update:* Kathy asked about testing of mastic behind firtex tiles. Presently waiting on state fire marshal determination on acceptability of paint additive.

*Task Force Assignments:*

Sustainability task force: Christine will be representative from MCCS, and from ag community standpoints.

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Next meeting 1/22/09.

Adjourned 10:35 pm

Submitted by Kathleen Westly