

Inavale Community Partners  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2009

Convened 7:10pm

Present: Scott Radtke, Ryan Cheek, Jenny Swanson, Jen Renée, Tanya Freeman, Payton James-Amberg, Christine Horning, Morning McCreary, Anita Grunder, Kathy Brewer, Kathleen Westly

*Approval of Minutes:* Deferred.

*Public Input:*

- Scott and Ryan would like to use the gym over the winter for one or two evenings for indoor sports/exercise. Sunday, arrive at 5:00 will be good for them, and allow Christine to open the building for them. May want to pick up another evening a week; will discuss with their group. Looking to use the gym for 2 - 2 \_ hours each time. Will pay per person for use. It was agreed to charge \$2.00. They intend to purchase equipment for their use, and to be left at the school and made available for MCCA use. **AI: Jen** check with Sonitrol about automatic arming. Motion made to authorize this group's use as outlined about (Anita), second (Tanya); passed fists of five.
- Announcement by Christine: First Lincoln focus group convenes February 3; Christine will be on the committee and keep us informed of its progress. At issue is the future of the varied and disparate Lincoln School programs, to include the middle school program which was transferred from Inavale and has been a natural program for MCCA students to transfer into.

*Facility Rental:* Jen has worked on putting together the costs to MCCA for an outside group to rent space in MCCA for one-time events. She expects the total MCCA staff set up time to be 3 hours. She proposed a \$40 flat rate to cover this set up expense, plus an hourly rate for the time rented. Discussed tasks incorporated in set up and clean up, appropriate charge for a deposit, rental fee for tables, chairs. Discussed setting \$75 for flat rate, \$30 per hour to include free use of chairs and tables, with the exception of the cafeteria tables, which will not be made available.

*Treasurer's Report:*

- Payton presented updated Spending Plan J3. She is looking to finish out spending the remainder of Phase 2 monies; items to be included in this are money for having a portable stage built, social skills curriculum, library automation system. Teachers' classroom needs will also be solicited. Motion to approve Spending Plan J3, which will become K1 made (Kathleen), second (Tanya); passed fists of fives. **AI: Jen and Payton** to get to teachers the amount of money they have left to spend in each of their classrooms, and a list of needs.
- Budget - Three year model is due to the district by 1/31. Payton anticipates that ADMw will indeed be decreased; budget based on retaining current student enrollment. Motion made (Anita) for Payton and Jen to submit budget model to district, second (Christine); passed fists of four and fives.
- Question posed by Payton - does the Board need to approve to set up a direct deposit system? Agreed we do not need to approve "standard business practices" that are within the budget.
- Received \$129 check from First Alternative co-op. **Thanks, Regina and all you co-op shoppers!**

*School Report:*

- New family - a second grader has enrolled, from a family that has just moved to the area.
- Website - Jen is planning to update the website with info on our program, projects, etc.
- PE - Physical activity is happening every day - not strictly "PE". 3-4-5 class has PE 3 days a week; 1-2-3- class has PE 2 days a week. Discussed possible hiring of PE teacher to take over this duty and also

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- possibly using the instructional aid to supervise, give teachers additional prep time. There are PE benchmarks across all grades.
- Payton James-Amberg has been hired as MCCS bookkeeper for ten hours a week. We know it's a drop in the bucket, but are all delighted!
- Firtex - Kathy reported that painting the Firtex tiles appears to be the best option. Discussed who we would like to hire for the job, when we want the work completed. Jen has a meeting scheduled next week to discuss the process. We want the amount spent on this fire code mitigation to be credited to MCCS against the capital pot expenditure for next year. **AI:** Jen will set up meeting, let district know what we're looking for.

*6<sup>th</sup> grade reconfiguration:* Discussed feedback from Steve Youngblood and Mike Strowbridge on proposal. Concern about lack of data to show success with what we are doing now. He would like test results from OAKS to see that we are meeting standards with current enrollment. OAKS testing starting Wednesday. Math remediation is a concern - discussed hiring a math specialist to teach pre-algebra - a classified aid for one hour a day. Steve believes 6<sup>th</sup> graders are best served in middle school setting - we will need to address this, also the transition required for small school students entering larger middle school mid-stream, rather than with their peers. We also need to address the outfitting of a science lab commensurate with 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **AI:** **Anita** to draft a revision, get to Kathleen for further work. **AI:** **Kathleen** get 3-4-5 expedition schedule to Steve. Need to be on February 9 agenda so vote can happen 23<sup>rd</sup>, so we can know by March 1 to give info to families. Application deadline is March 16. Tanya will take over for Anita in working on this task force.

*ICP Board Meeting to handle policies:* Agreed to schedule an extra Thursday meeting for handling policies. Will thenceforth set policy work on an every-other meeting schedule, to be offset in the following meeting by the Treasurer's report.

*Grant Coordinator:* Need to have someone coordinating the various grant opportunities and applications that we investigate. Payton will keep files in Bat Cave. Discussed oversight of grants; who can write them for MCCS, what needs to be approved by the board. **AI:** Kathy will talk to a couple of people in the MCCS community to ascertain their interest in taking this job on. It is board responsibility to set out the strategic plan that gives direction to the grant coordinator.

*Garden:* Kari Slater is engaged in working to get the garden project going. Irrigation is a key concern. Also location of septic tank and drain field, etc. **AI:** **Jen** will talk with teachers about siting preferences. **AI:** **Kathleen** get garden info to Kari.

Calendar:

- Footwise window display 2/3 - 16
- Open House 2/21 11 - 2
- Curriculum Night for prospective families 3/5
- GT - Sring Education run. **AI:** **Kathleen** get info, also put an FYI in paper about open house.
- Grange meeting 2/14 10:00 am breakfast
- Next meetings: Policy meeting 1/29, regular ICP Board meetings 2/5, 2/19
- Strategic planning meeting in Spring with Mark and Lou - need to schedule.

Adjourn 10:35pm

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Westly