Inavale Community Partners Board Meeting Minutes October 8th, 2013

ICP Board Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

In Attendance: Erick Swartzendruber, Kim Phillips, Josh Phillips, Melanie Kelley, Leah Gorman, Leonne Bannister, Barbara Holt, Nell O'Malley, Dan Hays, Melissa Harris, Kelly Bell, Guy Davis, Chris Pacheco

Summary of Votes:

- **Motion to approve** the minutes of September 12th. Erik moves; Melissa seconds; passed 5, 5, 5.
- **Motion to nominate** Guy Davis to the ICP Board of Directors. Erik moves; Kelly seconds; passed 5, 5, 5.
- **Motion to approve** the revision of Policy 00011c, initial release of Policy 00035a and initial release of Procedure 00023a. Erik moves; Guy seconds; passed 5, 5, 5,5.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes from September.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 12th. Erik moves; Melissa seconds; passed 5, 5, 5.

Reports:

PTO Report: PTO meeting will be tomorrow Wednesday, October 9th.

School Lunch/Kitchen: It's delicious! The school lunch program is very popular and many people are ordering lunches. Lunch ordering and taking payments are requiring a big portion of Jennine's time.

509J Report: None

ICP Treasurer's Report: Elisa not present to discuss the Treasurer's Report.

Budget Report: Elisa not present to discuss the budget, but informed Dan and the Board she wants to wait until next meeting since changes in state funding will be available for discussing by the next Board meeting.

Board Report: With regard to enrollment, much more coming and going than usual. Lower grades have a packed waiting lists while upper grades do not have wait lists.

Leonne discussed her assessment of school counseling needs. She said she has worked about 12 to 15 hours per week. Recommends funding for 10 to 15 hours

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per week. One counselor per 250 students recommended. Some of the counseling needs have settled down. Many parents have asked for help and resources. Counseling services so far have encompassed helping students with learning and social/emotional issues, as well as family/home issues. Has two IEP students. Works in the classroom to provide comprehensive education to students. Aides have asked for training to help with discipline. Erik suggested having Leonne provide a simple report for each Board meeting.

Administrative concerns about math. Dan said that teachers met to discuss whether or not to hire an additional math teacher—decided against it. Discussed art and hiring an art teacher as well as a music teacher. Will bring music teacher in on a contract basis. Lot of support for music at MCCS. Leah brought up importance of integration of music in the curriculum. Erik said MCCS will most likely have more room in our budget for funding things like music. How can we create consistency and direction with music? Discussed ways to integrate art and music at MCCS.

State Report Card—State is now using a new reporting format. MCCS didn't score as well when compared to other like schools.

Financial report—waiting to see what comes from the state with regard to decreasing PERS costs and increasing education funding.

Dan says teachers are doing wonderfully getting out on field trips around the school. Teachers are doing very well providing opportunities that foster place based learning.

District is not favorable toward open enrollment for MCCS. They want to be able to allow Corvallis families to have first priority for enrollment.

District is stepping up to help with asbestos issues at MCCS. District will provide support with any projects involving asbestos. No leaking during the heavy rain due to Sprick's thorough job.

Barb presented the new math curriculum. Barb has a passion for math and literacy. How math is taught now involves deeper understanding of math concepts vs. just rote memorization. She has attended many trainings. Barb described the numerous ways students are interacting with math and showed examples of student work. Described how math is integrated into the math farm projects. Erik asked Barb's opinion on whether it is best to have one curriculum for all elementary grades. Barb said it can be difficult to have all teachers stick to one curriculum and suggested that the best approach is to ensure that all teaching aligns with the standards/Common Core. Melanie suggested having a math night for parents. Barb discussed having

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Gail Gerdemann come to MCCS to do a presentation for parents about helping their child(ren) with math.

Melissa asked how funds that were reserved for an additional math teacher could best be used to support math instruction. Barb recommended that a portion of this money be spent on trainings. Also suggested buying further math materials. Leah suggested purchasing materials for children that need additional math assistance. Also suggested having aides attend trainings.

Discussion and Decision:

Board Membership—Guy wants to be involved in his children's education and help the Board make good decisions. Has experience in the mental health field.

Motion to nominate Guy Davis to the ICP Board of Directors. Erik moves; Kelley seconds; passed 5, 5, 5.

Nell O'Malley was strongly in favor of keeping Inavale open and lobbied to allow MCCS to open. She is considering serving on the ICP Board and will be attending several MCCS before applying.

Discipline Policies and Procedure—Latest drafts of policies and procedure discussed. Change wording on Classroom Discipline flowchart to "Teacher sets classroom expectations and implements classroom behavior interventions."

Motion to approve the revision of Policy 00011, initial release of Policy 00035 and initial release of Procedure 00023. Erik moves; Guy seconds; passed 5, 5, 5,5.

Charter Renewal—Summary of charter renewal revisions. Dan provided an overview of revisions. Kim suggested IT be provided. Dan says he has met with IT person from the district to get help for updating MCCS technology. Dan and Elisa will go over the charter document again and continue to revise and add suggestions offered by community members.

Student Enrollment Priorities: Class Size—Dan recommended not increasing class size in the 1/2 class. Leah suggested changing the wording in the enrollment policy regarding "biological parent".

Moving Money—Elisa suggested moving money to a Wells Fargo account in order to maintain FDIC coverage for the school's liquid assets.

Motion to authorize Elisa Fairbanks to open an account at Wells Fargo or another financial institution. Erik moves; Guy seconds; passed 5, 5, 5, 5.

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ICP Board Meeting Time—Can keep meeting scheduled on Thursday or change to another date to accommodate Melissa's schedule conflict. Changed to November, Tuesday the 12th. ICP Board meeting training scheduled for October 18th at 8:45am (3-4 hours).

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm

Minutes taken by Melissa Harris

ACTION ITEMS:

New from October 8, 2013 minutes:

AI-1: Update ICP Board email with Guy's email address.