

12/8/2016 ICP Board Minutes

In attendance: James A, Janell J, Karen S, Bryan T, Erik S, Dave B, Kelly B

Public comments: Janell has brought a board membership application and this was passed out to the board members to look over

Approval of October and November minutes: motioned by Karen, seconded by Erik, approved all 5s

School report: injury of staff member

District: K Bogatin and Bryan discussed Bryan's assertion that our special needs students are not being serviced, Bogatin will keep our assistant in place and place them on a timecard

4H has recognized MCCS as an outstanding leaders school

Attendance- there is a state-wide push for 98%

Well house pump- James has seen it, agrees work suggested could fix, right now we are adding in iron from the tank and taking out iron, there are 5 types of pipe, the water is monitored. The project can start with school in session, maybe do in June, all agree we should get on pump contractor's calendar, we would need to see numbers first, and see what big expenditures do we have other than this

Roof-still have some roof to do, Section D over Day's class, earthquake funds could take care of that? Decide this roof expense vs the pump?

Bottled water towers are \$100s per year but save \$1000 per year

Were using reverse osmosis which strips pipes of lead, no lead was found, we were testing long before other schools

IT: Kirk will be paid for Nov., Dec. and Jan when computers come in, Leann is consulting with him, small frame was thought the best now thinking less money is more important than space savings

Kelsey was sick so no music report, there will be a Winter Program on 1/26

4H applauded that our participation in the summit includes the whole school vs other schools that sometimes only have one class or grade, we do not have Clover Buds this year, 4H praised our student's behavior

Make up day- President's Day?, seat hours needed, there is a grace period for a certain amount of bad weather misses, the district didn't use to make up bad weather days for 3 days, now district makes up missed days sooner, some board members want to make up immediately on President's Day, some say give teachers choice of this day vs losing some conference days to become make up days

PTO- Giving Thanks event, no one attending this meeting seems to know details but suggest more than \$1000 was made?

Fundraising- letter ready to go, all want it to get out soon before Christmas, ask families to pass on to other relatives, send intro letter, put on blog too, send hardcopy and put on website, have a .pdf to send to friends, send a dedicated email, Dave donated right at this meeting to start it off

Bryan says our ADMw is not actually 80% but really 60%. We feel we do our share so the district should do theirs, this will be brought up during the next charter renewal in 2019, mention maintenance vs free rent, district and MCCA boards should participate more with each other, a

Hoover parent is chair of district, current district board is being really great and friendly, last visit to MCCA by district our board didn't even know about in advance, there is the official "board appreciation" happening in Jan.

Members wanting to know; is the increase in special education enough? At Franklin they use the caseload formula, our caseload is enough to get more than .25 time assistant. We have 11 spec. ed. students and 2 in referral, an assistant has 5hr of paperwork and 5 of teaching, at MCCA the IEP time a student gets is 45min/wk, other 509j students gets 90 plus min, the argument uses the idea of use general resources like that of a teacher, MCCA doesn't want all the money to come to us but would like to be supported the same, want .4 assistant, members wondering if there is a fund put aside if we do get a high needs student, the answer is, yes

Finances: about the same as last month, expenses staying the same, Leann is really cleaning things up

Board recruitment- Janell is into agriculture and teaching, local, all good fit, on board of livestock show, judges livestock, familiar with open meeting rules, will get policies on line, (asked how long term? told about 3yrs, hopefully longer, no real rules), Erik nominates her to become member, Dave 2nds, all approve, 6 members here now, explained 5 finger voting; that 2 fingers can stop a vote passing, 3 fingers shows concerns but item can still pass, Erik doesn't want to be President any longer but will stay on the Board

James would like to be President, discussed his discussing items in detail and balancing that with a smoothly progressing meeting, he is very knowledgeable on the subjects we discuss, board feels he will be

good, he wants M CCS to be different and still give students a good education, he wants to bring in guest speakers for board education or discussion questions, vote: Erik nominate James for President position, Dave 2nds, all voted yes, all 5s

Karen brings up that she doesn't think teachers should need to come to board meetings, the minutes and ED reports should be enough

School visioning: are we moving in the direction we want to?, are we different enough? In art and science yes? but can do more, teachers can do more, how to promote great field trips and projects related to them? would the head teacher do this? hiring is key, staff with environmental type work, most teachers teach in their 4 walls, more field trips? one teacher goes for it, one is reluctant, need continuity between classes so all students get same educational experiences, change to one grade per teacher?, hire another teacher for this?, same group of kids go through 6 years together vs changing it up grade to grade. members suggest keeping the multi-grade classes as part of what makes M CCS different

More should be expected from M CCS as a charter school, do we do enough in social studies? we give three different units over three years so that all students experience it

Art integration is good, art gets more time than PE

Teacher reports- never seems to be enough time for observations required for teacher reviews, teacher reports almost all in

Some teachers are using the K recess to give their students to someone else for awhile, students should be learning even during the breaks

How can we help Bryan- he thinks one big area is the custodian, also, getting together with Barb more, 1/2 time is hard to get this all done, he should also find time to take a vacation

Board training- 1/21? at Lasells, local group helps nonprofit boards, not OSBA, not just school boards, \$90, Sat 8am, Ctr for Nonprofit Stewardship. Should we get the OSBA training again?

Fire alarm we off after hours, Bryan couldn't get a hold of anyone, need more good phone numbers, Synergy came and fixed it

Board appreciation days discussed

Meeting ended 8:40pm