

Elko Institute for Academic Achievement Meeting Minutes
December 29, 2008
McMullen McPhee Board Room

Start time: 4:45 PM

People Present:

- Carrie Allard
- Leslie Creel
- Mary Glaser
- Mark Paris
- Kim Paris
- Stephanie Alberts-Weber
- Karen Ash
- Jon Wahrenbrock

Motion to approve minutes – PASSED

Color coding

Discussion

Action to be addressed next meeting

Public Comment

Jon talked to Josh Maderas at the district surplus warehouse. They have 130 surplus desks. Jon to approach Pat Block for warehousing space. Stephanie Alberts-Weber suggested we could use 70 poly-resin chairs donated by the Event Source for the first year.

Unfinished Business

BOARD

Final Board Member selection is pending clarification on state requirements for three teachers to be on the board. Carrie checked with Tom TMcCormack@doe.nv.gov and yes it does have to be a Nevada license. Kim Paris suggests Kim Willis and will approach her. Karen said Jack Peavey is interested. Karen will stay on until Jack returns from a winter away. ACTION ITEM Expand board to 9 members

Jon to ask Tom McCormack to send out fingerprint cards.

Karen to get Board of Directors' form notarized.

BUDGET

TABLED. Kim Paris to look into NRS 386-573 for paying bills.

Ernest Perforo of the USDA contacted Karen Ash 2 weeks ago to tell her Mary, 1-866-404-5204, from Rural Development could potentially give the school a loan. **RNDC (Rural Nevada Development Co) provides operating loans and working capital loans for businesses. They may have funds available. Mark Paris will call to check on this.**

Lucy and Stephanie have made about 6 grant packet requests. Lucy talked to Lisa Frazier about potential grants for hiring start-up manager. Karen said we need to contact Erin Pfeltz for U.S. Department of Education start-up money grant that comes available in June.

Stephanie and Lucy are fleshing out budgets for submittal to the mines.

Stephanie mentioned a fund-raising Spelling Bee. Restaurant walk. Foods from around the world.

BUILDING

Stephanie brought in an example of a Phase I Site Assessment which makes sure we aren't taking over any liability for an environmental assessment. JBR will donate time. We will have to pay \$500 for a records search and an asbestos analysis. Jon made motion to enter into a contract with JBR and subcontractors for an environmental assessment of proposed site. Leslie seconded and all approved.

Stephanie talked to Mike Hecht who said there are permits that need to be filled out with the city. Mike will handle the fire code. **Stephanie offered to follow up.**

Visits to Planning Commission. **Jon will talk to guys on city council and Don Zumwalt. Stephanie will talk to staff. Carrie will talk to businesses.**

Stephanie might ask Full Fencing if they might donate temporary fencing.

Stephanie talked to Dr. Mattern about providing medical backup for the school. Carrie thinks we have to contract for vision and hearing.

Jon will go talk to Antoinette Cavanaugh about taking desks and moving them to Bob Seacrest's, Stager's surplus (a.k.a. Ace Hardware). Stephanie to talk to Daryl Tweidt at WDC Exploration about storage as well.

STAFF

Jeff Zander to check in on status of Union Contract/ NRS 386-595 conflict regarding teachers being guaranteed their job back. **Cheryl will try to contact Jeff Zander about this, again.**

Tim Wickersham, president of (ECCTA) Elko County Teacher Association, couldn't make it to this meeting, but will attend the next.

Teachers have to put in a leave of absence by March 30th. Tim said there will be cuts. Carrie will ask Tim about the “highly qualified” verbage. Karen says a Masters degree qualifies a person as “highly qualified”.

Jon brought in a hard copy of the Special Ed special licensing requirements.

Boys and Girls club and Noah’s Ark picks up kids for school. **Kim Paris will call Fun Factory regarding transportation.** Dawn Leyva said she felt the district might work with us on afterschool transportation to afterschool programs. The N.E.A.T. bus could be contracted to transport people to Fun Factory.

Bank Account. Personal Profiles are being filled out by board members. **Mark to open account.**

Carrie reported that Ricci Elkins says the Board signs the lease.

Architect. **Cheryl to approach Kathy Wines who just got her license.** Stephanie met a mom who has an architect sister in Idaho who has children in Charter Schools.

Leslie to clarify “Letter of Intent” form to those who were at Meet and Greet.

Ann Rosevear, esq and president and CEO of Ionic Water Technologies in Reno, will meet with the board to discuss issues with starting up a charter school. She was involved with starting up a charter school in Reno.

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New Business

ACTION ITEM to look for a logo

Cheryl to compile questionnaires from Meet and Greet : full day kindergarten, skills to donate, post FAQ’s on website

Next meeting needs an action item to approve committee formation: Budget Committee, Curriculum, Facility, Teacher Recruitment, Principal Recruitment, Website Maintenance, Policies & Procedures Manual, Volunteer Recruitment, Student Enrollment Procedure Committee. Cheryl to send compiled e-mail addresses to Leslie. Let persons know that if they are interested, let us know via e-mail or by attending the next board meeting.

Next meeting 4:30 PM, the 5th

6:00 PM Jon made motion to adjourn. Leslie seconded. All in favor.