

Minutes of E.I.A.A. Board Meeting

November 17th, 2010

Meeting called to order at 5:43 p.m.

Board present:

Mary Glaser
Brenna Malone
Denise Edwards

Board not present:

Ed O Donnell
Maria Harris
Pat Sheehan

Telephone:

Jacque Sloan

Public present:

Leslie Creel
Lucy Downer
Ginni Mariluch
Susan Birdzell
Tammy Clack
Kellie Nicola
Alana McKinney
Carrie Allard
Karen Cruson
Jennifer Peterson

Staff present:

Sheri Espinoza
Debby Elvin
Daryl Kuiper
Karen Ash
Kim Paris

Approval of minutes from October 20th tabled until next meeting:

Reports:

Sheri Espinoza:

Teachers are aware of what the IEPs are about. Has put together a corrective action plan for the state as far as being out of compliance with the IEPs. All the teachers have binders with the materials that they need. Any questions they have are addressed in the binders. We are currently serving 8 kids on academic an IEP and another 8-10 on speech IEPs. We have another 3-4 in the process of seeing if they qualify. Brenna states all are on a time frame. There is a 45 day time limit. During the 45 day time frame testing occurs and when testing is completed a meeting is held to see if the child qualifies. Parents, teacher and Sheri. Within 30 days following the IEP is put together. There are 13 categories the kids can qualify for. Sheri feels we are doing fairly well with keeping up with the IEPs. Sheri is working with state on corrective action plan. Angela Blair from state should be coming up in a couple weeks.

Financial:

Susan Birdzell

Mark was called away on family emergency so she is here to give financial report. DSA payment. Some discussion about special education per unit. E.I.A.A. doesn't have a special ed unit as of yet. That money is not received by our school. Kim is working on this. Student enrollment, hold harmless pupil policy. Last year our enrollment was 182.6 students, this year our enrollment on count day was 164, our payment for this year was based on last year's enrollment and next year will be based on this year's enrollment. This brings us approx \$118,000 less. Mark is not anticipating this to change due to having only 20 students per classroom.

Statement of net assets: \$509,000
Received DSA payment at first of November
Accounts payable \$22,826.59
Bills due: \$122,385.43

Statement of activities:
Half of payment from DSA in, comes in two payments.

Budget vs. Actual
Half of DSA funding received. Category three purchase professional services Special Ed services has spent \$32,000 budget is \$80,000 we have spent 40% of money budgeted for Special Ed.

Net ordinary income
Budgeted amounts are short from what we are going to receive from state by \$40,000 the budget will need to be reduced by 158,000 for next year

Other issue is changing signature card. Still need Maria Harris' information for it to be submitted. Debby said she received it tonight.

Unpaid Bills:
\$7453.26 and \$16,514.01

Mary moved to approve payment of bills, Jacque seconded, all in favor. Approved

Public comment:

Karen Ash presented something for purchase: In conjunction for our math and science Lego Education Wedo Robotics construction set. The cost would be around \$4000. This includes software etc.

Denise suggested presenting to PTSO as well

Karen Cruson asks what the vision for this program would be, Karen Ash hopes to start with one class and work from there.

Lucy states they have competitions that can be entered.

Tamberly Jueske has a contact who is willing to come in and teach robotics.

Alana McKinney

Specials: she sent administrator a letter asking in regards to PE. She was told we are not incorporating PE this year. She has concerns. Studies say if kids don't have the physical activity then they don't learn as well. Letter came home stating mandatory math homework will be coming home. Says we don't have PE because it cuts into our time for math. Is this mandatory homework going to be graded? Daryl says that recesses should be sufficient exercise for these students. It is his opinion that we need to spend more time on math and science. If we look over statistics we are not competing with the rest of the state or the world. Alana asked if homework is coming home when are they going to have time to get physical activity? Why can't teachers add in PE once a week? Mrs. Ash's class goes swimming once a week right now. Daryl stated that Mrs. Ash was at first turned down until she came up with a creative solution to involve math, science and technology. Brenna is wanting to get parental concerns and get together with the board to solve some of these problems that parents have. We don't want to be losing our sight in adding PE. Kim said that it was said that PE would be part of this school's curriculum when the school began. Brenna would like the parents with the concerns to be part of the solution to these issues. There are ways for creative solutions to this concern

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Dress code:

Are sweaters with hoods allowed? Was not approved by board, was previously approved by Mr.

Tsunemori.

There was a question as to the chain of command and it was stated that it should be as follows:

Teacher

Administrator

Board

Karen Cruson

She wanted to give some positive feedback on dress code. Would like to see more adherence to dress code. Point of clarification to Mr. Kuiper: What are we comparing our students with on not being in competition with the rest of the state? Mr. Kuiper responded: testing results.

Tammy Clack

Instead of possibly embarrassing the child when they are out of compliance with the dress code, notify parent of dress code violation instead. Has heard from kids that they are humiliated when they are spoken to about their dress code.

Karen Cruson said that as parents complaining we should also be parents involved in solving the issues.

Proper notification of dress code violations. NO HOODS OF any KIND!!! Not on sweaters or anything. Is Velour allowed: yes Karen Ash stated that when the plan was developed for the school they thought they made a simple dress code. Kim says its a lot of the interpretation and if there is not consistency in following it is when the issues come in. Mary heard that teachers voted to allow themselves to wear jeans on Friday. Carrie stated the board had agreed to have five days of professional dress and that there would be no "casual dress" on Friday. Leslie states this year is way improved over last year overall in regards to issues.

Brenna asked if it was in the policy that teachers did not have casual dress. Its in a board minutes.

Tammy Clack

Concerned that we are on second year and teachers own children are not attending this school. Different reasons as to why they are not here. She says that her son has academically improved until this year. Now he is struggling in math. She has had several other parents who have encouraged her to be on top of the math teaching this year because they have had students who struggled with it. She has had two meetings and has been told in those meetings that the teacher has said that half of her class is failing. Tammy is of the opinion that if half the class is failing it goes back to the instruction. She addressed this with the administrator and Mr. Kuiper asked if he could address this with her son. Her son reported that he was told he needed to pay more attention. Tammy is concerned that this teacher needs some help in teaching the curriculum. Mr. Kuiper stated that he let her son know that he would be willing to help him with math at any time.

New Business:

Daryl stated that a particular item was requested to be sold through the school. His concern is whether board wants to take this on when a parent takes on the selling responsibility. If PTSO takes it on then PTSO gets the money. Brenna suggests a bid sheet for administrator to have guidelines for fundraising. Mary motioned to table, Denise seconded, all in favor. Passed

Board Development committee

Mary motioned to table, Denise seconded all in favor. Passed

Old business:

Reimbursement:

Ed O Donnell's reimbursement of \$415 for registration fees for conference in Las Vegas.
Mary motioned to approve for \$415 if indeed paperwork shows \$415
Jacque seconded, all were in favor. Approved.

Discipline plan:

Denise states that we would like more input from parent, teacher and personnel on staff to follow what page 54 of policy and procedures states for the establishment of the discipline policy.

Kim said that we wanted to involve Sheri but time constraints have limited this.

Brenna will call Tom and let him know where we are with the policy and ask for an extension.

Jacque says that their has to a group and that the policy has to be revisited each year.

Jacque motioned to have a group of four parents, two teachers, Mr. Kuiper and one board member on the discipline policy group. Mary seconded, all were in favor. Approved

Group that volunteered for discipline policy development:

Karen Cruson (parent)

Lucy Downer (parent)

Ginni Mariluch (parent)

Alana McKinney (parent)

Karen Ash (teacher)

Kim Paris (teacher)

Denise Edwards (board member)

Reports:

Volunteers:

Spirit shirt drive was successful

Kids can wear shirts on special occasions and on field trips.

Another order Dec. 1st

Fall festival success.

Food toy/drive Nov 29-Dec 15

Facilities:

Emergency lighting, Daryl hasn't been able to get any other bids on the lighting.

Wall shelving anchoring, PTSO day got quite a few anchored but not all.

Janitor's closet needs wall hangers and laundry tub anchored.

Piano

Panic bars, fire dept says it would be an acceptable solution. The cost would be approx. \$1000.

Key count, who has keys, asked Lori to find out who has keys who doesn't.

Communications:

Parent letter sent out

Business cards and name badges for staff

Volunteer handbook: agenda item

Regulatory issues:

Governing body member files completed. Debby is keeping track of board files.

Election process: annual parent meeting, we need a tracking of who has been on the board and for how long

How long are the terms, 2 years or 3 years? There seems to be a discrepancy as to how long the terms are.

Discrepancy as to two different dates for the annual meeting dates.

Privacy protection policy in progress should be ready by next board meeting

Daryl said that our charter calls for a nurse to oversee immunizations records per NRS code
Brenna knows retired nurse who might be willing to do this and she will get info to Daryl.

Educational:

Street-smart the drug issue, drugs that in are in our own houses a possible presentation for parents.

One rich problem, Mrs. Rawson, Ms Pitts and Mr. Kuiper have attended and found it very useful plan on attending another.

Donation of servers from Newmont with help of Oasis.

Teacher evaluations are complete.

Administrator evaluation, Daryl said that he feels teachers should be able to do an evaluation of him

Other staff evaluations, Daryl will be evaluating other staff members.

Professional development day on mathematics for staff. They held teacher professional development day November 1st.

Parent teacher conferences, teachers said parents seemed happy with progress of school and teachers felt happy with progress of school.

Mrs. Forstrum

Connie Forstrum is a Speech language pathologist. She currently has 8 kids on case load. Most of these kids needed a reevaluation. This was done. One child no longer qualified, one child moved away. All kids are caught up and paperwork is complete. She has made herself available to the teachers. She has started a six week in class program with kindergarten and first grade. Its based on research that children's ability to read is based on phonological awareness. All children need a base of that. Currently in lesson two in first grade and will be starting in kindergarten classroom Thursday, Nov. 18th.

Connie stated her concern that a lot of the things done at E.I.A.A. are a little sketchy and some of the services that should be for the children aren't here. She felt that things that need to be done for the kids aren't being done and in light of all of this she rendered her resignation.

Mrs. Paris

Almost all of the novels that work in conjunction with our curriculum have come in for the third grade and up. The staff is going to be trained on the special ed program. Four teachers one afternoon and the other teachers the next morning. Students will be broken up and doing math and science centers during this time rather than paying for substitute teachers. Kim will be meeting with teachers once a week on a regular basis, Ms Pitts will be covering the teachers as they meet with Kim. Daryl and Kim are starting to look at CRT testing and what needs to happen in regards to having the students ready. One teacher still has not received Guided Reading materials. Teachers are learning more about the components in the guided reading at teacher meetings. Professional development needs to happen so we can adhere to the charter. Tamberly Jueske is bringing in different science people. Science professor came in and did owl presentation.

Ms. Hylton's request for additional pay for her involvement with the year book and student council. Ms Hylton didn't have a requested amount. Daryl suggested \$300 a month.

After school detention, Ms Pitts has offered to be monitor from 3-4 p.m. \$300 month M, T,Th,F
Discipline- clean desks etc. in teacher rooms or write papers/do math
Finish incomplete school work

Mrs. Elvin

Administrative assistant

Test coordinator. Has test schedule done, first test Feb 1st.

Every week she attends SAIN meetings. We have not had any major issues with validating information or bugs with our data. When she gets a Validation Summary Report, the data is corrected that day and within two days the data at the state is updated.

Went over safety audit on fingerprinting. All data that was to be shredded has been shredded. Security seals made so that the Sheriff's department will sign and seal envelopes after the finger prints have been taken. A letter of authorization to be filled out by volunteers and employees giving consent to submit the fingerprints is being drafted.

Working on chain of custody, will be completed by next meeting.

Accountability report card, ethnicity and race codes changed. sent out form to parent and everything is updated. State pleased.

Mark Paris and she will meet with David Malarchick from Frontier to get information about switching from DSL to Metro Ethernet and updating the filing of our E-Rate status. Teachers will have capabilities to use some of the stuff purchased that they aren't currently able to use.

Enrollment report to state no issues.

Teachers questions about classes and credits she takes care of.

Teacher files

Board files

Volunteer list

Submits power school data

Enrollment and withdrawals from school

Working on more professional type report cards

power school is all current

Special program page for students with IEP and 504 plans now entered

Mary motioned to adjourn, Denise seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.