

Minutes March 17th, 2011

Meeting called to order: 5:32

Approval of February 17th minutes

Mary motioned
Ed seconded
All in favor, passed

Board Present
Brenna Malone
Mary Glaser
Denise Edwards
Ed O'Donnell

Board not Present
Maria Harris
Pat Sheehan

Staff Present
Debby Elvin
Kim Paris
Charlie Crane
Karen Ash
Brittany Sarman

Public present
Lucy Downer

Board Present by phone conference:
Jacque Sloan

Reports:

Administrative

Rama Paris:

Quiet week. Children wore green shirts and green accessories this week. Discipline things are quiet last couple weeks. School being re-keyed due to some of the current keys not working and keys missing.

A couple of guest speakers coming, one in to Mrs. Ash on geology and Ms. Lattin's class has someone coming in to speak about India. We had a bag pipe player yesterday.

Trying to get a tour of technology dept at GBC.

Thing for Consideration:

Extending Debby's contract so she can work some time in the summer. She is responsible for our power school and some other reports that need to be done in the summer. Her contract ends on the last day of school.

Teachers are going to start thinking about what they need in classrooms next year so we can start thinking about next year's budget.

Charlie:

Warmly accepted at PTSO meeting. Computers were brought up at meeting due to the fact that teachers need them. Also talked about getting something done with the playground grass area so the drainage would be better and kids could access more of the playground. PTSO inquired of playground fund. Also PTSO would like to sell juices along with milk. There is an upcoming fundraiser, the Read-a-thon.

Debby Elvin:

10 less computers bringing down our bill \$350, hosting also saves us \$400 month making our total savings for IT \$750 a month.

Enrollment:

160

9 withdrawals, 5 due to moving out of state

8 new admits

Also kindergarten enrollment for next year is full and we must now go to lottery procedure

Kim said the main concern of some parents coming to inquire about enrolling their kids is that the students are wanting more challenge.

Educational

Kim Paris:

Continues to collaborate with teachers. Her schedule has been changed by administration due to collaboration having to be cancelled because of need for subs. She is going in more during classes and teaching some lessons. Working with some of Mrs. Dumont's students in science and research for next five weeks. Allows Mrs. Dumont time to work with some of the other students in the classroom. Kim was observed by Mr. Crane and he gave her extremely valuable feedback. Monday she meets with two teachers, half day each. Administration has asked for more documentation so she can stay on track and the whole collaboration process works more effectively.

Mrs. Sarman and Mrs. Dumont went to gifted conference last month. Kim stated that we need teachers to better understand these gt kids as far as not only academic but also social and emotional. Our school is not only about gifted kids but they tend to be the ones that do get left behind.

Three teachers will be going to conference in San Francisco. Not a gifted conference but one to help with differentiation.

Mrs. Sarman:

"The conference was incredible." Mrs. Sarman presented the board with a very informative PowerPoint presentation on conference.

Financial

Mark Paris was unavailable to give report.

\$33,996.96

\$12,513.97

Mary motioned to approve payment of bills

Ed seconded

All in favor, passed

Computer supplies budget was discussed and the possibility of getting some new computers for the teachers was also discussed. Bryan would be loading the computers with the programs we need etc. Rama suggested maybe looking around to see if we could get computers at a lower cost.

Ed suggested buying a couple before buying a bunch so we know if they are the ones we absolutely want.

AGENDA ITEM for April meeting

Computer bids

New business:

Karen Ash grant

Deadline passed on former grant but she had another grant to speak to us about. It is an EPA grant application due May 2nd. She went over a few of the requirements in order to apply for the grant. Mary suggested that Karen check on the "match" of \$5000.

Tabled

Cell phone:

Mary motioned to disconnect unless the penalty for discontinuation is greater than continuing in contract

Jacque seconded

All in favor, passed

Transportation policy:

Mary motioned to approve transportation policy

Ed seconded

All in favor, passed

Public comment

Karen Ash had asked the Elko County school district if we could participate in the district writing competition. She was told no because prizes were provided by school district. She inquired as to if one of the board members or administration could call and talk to someone and let them know that we would provide prizes. Same with the science fair. Debby and Rama said there is also a Technology fair coming in May. Rama is going to make contact with the district in regards to these items.

Adjournment

Mary motioned to adjourn at 7:21

Denise seconded

All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:21