

McKenzie River Community School Charter Board
McKenzie School District Office
51187 Blue River Drive, Finn Rock, Oregon 97488
May 7, 2019, 5:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Stacy Rudisill, Fred Heins, Melanie Brite, Brittany Lopez, Josh Cloke, Lacey Joy

Board Members Absent: Laura Sireci Roman, Cason Cline, Nate Day

Advisory Members Present: Lane Tompkins, Alyssa Brownlee

Advisory Members Absent:

I. Call to Order

Melanie called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

II. Community Comments

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None.

III. Consent Agenda

Actions that are routine or usually call for no discussion, such as approving minutes of previous meetings, acceptance of donations and similar actions, often handled together in one vote by the Board.

1. Adoption of Agenda for Today's Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes - Charter Board Regular Meeting April 2, 2019

Stacy noticed the minutes did not include Josh as being present at the April meeting and so amended the minutes to include Josh Cloke as present at the April meeting.

Lacey motioned to approve the consent agenda with amended minutes; Fred seconded; unanimously approved.

IV. Reports/Discussions

1. Director's Report- Lane gave an update on the month's happenings...two weeks ago, some of us from the Charter Board joined a few of the District Board members for equity training with Carlos from ODE who facilitated a group discussion regarding what equity means to McKenzie and how we will shape our equity model. Tomorrow is the statewide teacher walkout. Classified staff will be reporting for work, with some going to Lane ESD for equity training. Lane met with Tim Laue, utilizing his knowledge and expertise with regards to the TAP Grants. Last week he and Tina worked on the H.S. Success Plan in an effort to establish high quality CTE at McKenzie. Budget meeting is scheduled for May 22 followed by the District Board meeting, which looks to be a busy meeting with much on the agenda. That is also Market Night in the Old Gym.
2. Financial Report- Lacey presented the financial statement for fiscal period of April 2019 and the bank's transaction activity statement for MRCS with Umpqua Bank. The account had an ending balance of \$1,903.00. Wendy is still needing to call the bank every month to get the

miscellaneous fee (not applicable to nonprofits) they continue to deduct from the account refunded every month.

3. Budget/Finance Committee- Budget meeting is scheduled for May 22. Lacey is currently working on the special revenue piece.
4. 501c3/Governance Committee- Lacey explained that we received our big delivery of the playground equipment. We rented a forklift and got it for several days more than we had to pay for so we used it to get a lot done around the school while we had it. The good news is we don't have to dig out the ground as previously thought. The plan is have it ready in August. Lacey found out that the second audit will not be required after all, saving us \$15,000. In addition, she thought they had the contract figured out but when looking over the wording realized we had another district's contract so that thankfully has been remedied. Insurance coverage for sexual harassment is not mentioned in PACE's contract and is causing a hiccup, so they are still trying to figure out the wording (clarified that we do have the coverage). She is hopeful that the procurement process will be completed soon. She explained that there are a lot of issues that keep cropping up but she's assured all will be okay as the kinks are worked through. Lacey mentioned that the 3D printers arrived and were set up but after test driving them, Nate discovered some issues that warrant the need to return them in exchange for something better. EA's and additional staff are scheduled for equity training, as required by the grant. Also, she stressed the need for all Board members to participate in the upcoming OSBA training in Bend on the 19th - 21st. The District will reimburse attendees for hotel fees if they can find one in the area that isn't booked. Of course, the District will pay for the conference fees as well.
5. Curriculum Committee - Brittany explained that they met to go over planning docs and how they are utilizing the "Buck Institute's" system giving teachers a framework by which to plan their projects while modifying it to make it work for McKenzie. On the 17th, five of our teachers went up to tour Cottonwood School in Portland and were reassured that everything they are doing is not far off from their place-based model.
6. Community Outreach Committee - Danna mentioned that this month's CoRE discussion centered on a possible new mission for the committee being to better address the needs that aren't being met in students lives...as there are not as many requests by teachers for assistance and the grant essentially took their job away. They discussed the preschool in particular as not being affordable for many folks. She wonders if as a title one school there is something grant-wise that our area qualifies for. Lane responded that we'd need to see what the state comes through with in current negotiations. He also mentioned an even greater need in that there is no licensed child caregivers in the area. Melanie wondered if this is possibly something that could be worked into the H.S. curriculum for those students interested in early childhood education. Lacey explained that we would need a licensed Director and would need to be licensed to do this. Lane explained that from his experience, fees for our preschool are fairly reasonably priced compared to other programs. Lacey isn't aware of any K-12 free preschools but Lane has heard of some that come with a substantial cost. It costs \$47,000 to run our preschool and that is with a non-licensed teacher. Lane agreed it was definitely worth exploring. Stacy suggested another possible need that CoRE could perhaps tackle might be coordinating volunteers for events and field trips, like our local track meets. Danna brought up that the lack of communication with regards to the need for volunteers at such events would need to be addressed. She suggested perhaps having an article in the local paper to help make parents and community members aware of the needs. Lane considered writing a regular article for the "River Reflections."

1. None

VI. Charter Board Comments

Fred- wants to do something about our former president as this is the fourth meeting in a row with no contact from her. Attempts to contact her have been made and she is not answering her phone. Lane confirmed that the bylaws say we can remove people with a 2/3rds vote. The other option would be to draft her a letter sent registered mail thanking her for her service and asking her to respectfully resign. Lane and Josh agreed to meet and work on the letter.

Stacy- thanked Josh and Lane for taking that project on.

Josh- noted he is still looking into the silver cord program for those students who go above and beyond in service and working with the counselor he knows. Should have something more tangible by next meeting or following.

Lacey- thanked Josh and appreciates everyone coming to the equity training.

Lane- thanked Lacey for juggling the food and what not for that evening as well.

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VIII. Future Agenda

Next meeting June 4, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

Note: Discuss July meeting.

X. Adjournment

Lacey motioned to adjourn; Melanie seconded; unanimously adjourned at 6:18 P.M.