



Potomac Elementary School

School Board Minutes

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*“Potomac School equips each student for his/her future
within a culture of excellence that values the small community experience.”*

Call to Order

Board Chair Cliff Vann called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those trustees present were: Gary Long, Craig Nelson and Kelsy Ployhar. Jill Thornton, clerk, and David Allen, Principal, were both in attendance.

Public Input (for issues not on the agenda) None.

Consent Agenda

Kelsey moved to approve the consent agenda. Craig seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0**

Teacher Presentations

Justine Luebke presented ‘What’s been going on in Kindergarten’. She started with the pictures of the kindergarten enjoying a Fire Department puppet show. They also went to the Potomac Fire Station. Next was a fall field trip to the Missoula Maze, where they also collected leaves for projects. Justine is applying for the OSMA One Class at a Time grant and Mini Agate grant. The Kindergarten also sent notes to Veterans for Veterans Day.

Cliff commented he likes to see things like the grants that help with student learning.

Kristy Pohlman shared the second grade ‘science time’ with the board. The last science time involved dry ice and its properties. Then she showed what ‘Brain Breaks’ are. Whenever the students start losing focus, they take these brain breaks that get them involved again. They are videos that the students follow along with to jump, move their arms, and sing along, whatever gets them going. Now the Kindergarten and First grades are starting to use the ‘Brain Break’ videos.

Kristy also heard word that she is a recipient of the ‘One class at a Time’ grant. She also has a Pets Mart Pet grant that allows the class to receive crickets for the year to feed their toads.

Her students have also gotten over 300 Dojos towards the 500 they need for a party. The Dojos reward good behavior, and are taken away with inappropriate behavior.

She is utilizing iPads for reading. Her class received a response from the President to the letter they sent. The students are growing Lima Beans and seeing sprouted roots. And she started a ‘Word Walk’, adding new spelling words each week.

Some of the things she is using in her class come from visiting classrooms of friends who are teachers. This is possible with having Fridays off.

Principals Report

School

- 91 students
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Nov. 12th 13th
- Staff meeting on student behavior
- Respect, Responsibility, Safety.. MBI model

Activities

- Boys Basketball (Nov-Dec)

- Team dynamic
- Field Trips/ Abby- Naturalist Justine- Corn Maze

Grants

- Grants that are active with deliverables
- What we are looking forward to pursuing

David said he is meeting with a local grant writer on the 17th. The grant writers background is in historical grants, but he is interested in helping the school. One of the things David asked him to look into is grants for technology.

There are two grants presented for approval.

1. The 21st Century Grant (Explorers) Gary moved to approve the 21st Century Grant. Kelsy seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0**
2. The PPL grant is designated 100% for grading work in the Athletic complex. Gary moved to approve the PPL grant. Kelsy seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0**

Board Professional Development Reports

Gary has been working on the sports field, and has also been attending basketball. He has been glad to see David there.

Kelsy spends Mondays at school. She helped with the Halloween Party.

Craig has his 7th grade daughter talking about the High Impact Trip. The students are looking at ways to raise the money for it.

Cliff found that the 'Periodic Check-In Guide' started good discussions. He's also working with 4-H again, and they have decided to purchase a storage box for the practice bows.

Athletic Complex Update

Gary stated that the original approved plan for the athletic complex is included in the packet. He has reviewed what has been accomplished, and made a list of what still needs to be done. He will e-mail his list to Jill, who will forward it to the board. Basically, the first thing needed is fill to smooth out dips in the field and finish filling the corner where the track is.

Craig said we need to consider future maintenance. Kelsy was interested in the mowing costs.

Gary asked if the board agreed to pursue a fence across from the Community Center to stop busses from driving onto the track. If the money can be found, yes.

Personnel – none

Cliff asked if there were any suggestions for agendas. Gary said he would like to see discussion items continued past the first time until a resolution was reached.

Adjourn

Board Chair Vann adjourned the Board meeting at 9:29 pm.

Cliff Vann, Chair

date

Jill M Thornton, Clerk

date