

Potomac Elementary School District #11

Minutes – November 8, 2010

Call to Order

Board Chair Robert O'Boyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those trustees present were: Jeff Hahn, Gary Long, Victoria Richardson and Jim Wrobel. Principal Tim Johnson and Jill Thornton, clerk, were also in attendance.

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

Consent Agenda

Victoria moved to approve the consent agenda. Gary seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

Principal's Report

- *Community*
 - Colton Cares Carnival – this was the last one to be held
 - Community Center arsenic test came back compliant
- *School*
 - Halloween parade- it was *spook-tacular*
 - Conferences this week Wednesday the 10th and Thursday the 11th (early release)
 - Google institute parts 2 and 3: Nov 15th and Dec 9th (Victoria, Janette and me)
 - Calendar sales begin (PTC)
- *Field Trips*
 - Trapping/releasing golden eagles
 - IEFA fieldtrip to U of M; downtown Missoula for writer's marathon
- *Activities*
 - Boys basketball (practice began, 1st game v Lincoln at home 9th)
 - Girls Basketball (4th place in Pioneer league)
 - Booster Fundraiser at Cully's tentatively Dec 3rd. (details to follow) The fundraiser will be a spaghetti dinner plus a silent auction.
- *Vision Committee*
 - We are working through the personal visions of each member so that we can formulate a group vision for the school that reflects the district.
 - Meetings are weekly and it's our goal to have a vision statement for board approval "shortly"
 - Discussions center on 'What makes a quality school, and what motivates us?'

School Policy Manual

2nd reading of the 2000's – notes:

- Policy # 2151, line 17 thru 20 – remove section.
- Policy # 2160, needs more review. Tim will work with this policy.

Jim moves to approve School Board Policy Series 2000 with the above referenced changes and the exception of policy #2160. Victoria seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

1st reading of the 3000's – notes:

- Policy # 3122P, pg 2, line 37 – change 'truancies' to 'unexcused absences'. Also, a number should be set for when action is required, not just a term such as 'repeated unexcused absences'. Tim will check on what number would be appropriate.
- Policy # 3125, lines 29 & 30 – The administrator is the liaison for homeless children.
- Policy # 3141, pg 2, line 9 – remove the word 'transportees'.
- Policy # 3221, lines 19 through 21 – replace 'The Principal shall develop guidelines to implement these standards...' with 'The Principal shall implement these standards...'. Then refer to the procedure for filing a complaint.
- Policy # 3222, line 14 – replace 'a centrally located bulletin board' with 'a visible location'.
- Policy # 3226, pg 2, line 15 – replace line 15 with 'follow the uniform complaint procedure' and note the procedure policy number.
- Policy # 3226, pg 2, line 37 & 38 – remove 'Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy, whether or not a complaint is substantiated.'
- Policy # 3300P, pg 1, line 44 – add the words 'by the administration' after 'consider a recommendation..'
- Policy # 3310, pg 2, line 16 – Tim will contact the MTSBA to look into the uses or problems with Detention.
- Policy # 3416, pg 1, line 29 through 33 – Tim will talk to the MTSBA about the whole policy.
- Policy # 3510, line 28 & 30 – change 'school officials' to 'administration'. These corrections need to be made throughout this policy.
- Policy # 3600F1, pg 1, line 41 & 42 – remove '(or appropriate school official)'
- Policy # 3600F1, pg 3, line 40 through 45 – Remove this section.
- Policy # 3600F2 – Remove last line in top box 'If we receive no response.....'
- Policy # 3600P, pg 5, line 4 through 9 – Remove this section.
- Policy # 3612, pg 2, line 18 – Remove 'and other users'
- Policy # 3612, pg 2, line 19 - Remove 'and others'
- Policy # 3630, line 10 – add 'or photo' at the end of the line after the word 'video'.

Athletic Programs Funding

Jim moved that the school district pay athletic fees, such as the league fees and referee charges, for the remainder of the 2010-2011 athletic seasons. Victoria seconded the motion.

Jim said he felt there was an immediate need for the school to support school athletics until Boosters can catch up with their fundraising programs.

Chair O'Boyle asked for a vote on the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

Additional Group Life Insurance through MUST

Jill Thornton said the program MUST was offering employees needed the approval of the board to allow payroll deductions for the associated costs.

Jim moved to allow payroll deductions for the additional Group Life Insurance offered through MUST. Gary seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

Adjourn

Chair O'Boyle adjourned the Board meeting at 9:28 pm.