



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 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. Tim Johnson, principal and Jill Thornton, clerk, were also in attendance.

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

Minutes

Jim moved to approve the minutes with the addition of Tim's name in attendance list. Victoria seconded the motion.
Passed 5-0.

Board Reorganization

Final ballots will not be ready until tomorrow morning. Jill will pick them up and the Board Reorganization will be held then at a 9:00 am Special Meeting.

Consent Agenda

Jim moved to approve the consent agenda. Jeff seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

Principal's Report

Community

- Potomac Students' artwork has been sent to Two Rivers Bank (Bonner) for display and judging; winners will receive a \$50 savings bond
- Parent and Community Forum had one parent arrive to discuss Title 1 night earlier that week
- Potomac U family nights have scheduled two events: "The Never Ending Root Beer Float...and run on sentences" May 17th, 7pm and "Pizza-Palooza: fractional tales and equivalent stories" May 25th 7pm. These nights will center around reading, writing and math with parents. ALL community residents are welcome. RSVP to School 244-5581
- Friday night at the movies is tentatively scheduled for June 10th, more info published in newsletter
- Grant Writing Committee has two grants out (Target and MCPR). I will be attending MCPR meeting on 12th to update the MCPR Board (Missoula County Parks & Recreation) about our athletic field and make one additional push to fund our scoreboard purchase

School

- STUDENT: school/sports related insurance coverage (proof of coverage or required minimum coverage)
- Potomac Staff Goals: (see handout); Outcomes (what it looks like) and dates will be inserted at future Early Release days.
- Title 1 parent planning night had three parents and three staff attend. Writing cohesive, grammatically correct age level piece is our goal; matches with Potomac Staff Goals
- Potomac Website nearing completion and rollout expected by June 1.
- KECL is doing story on Potomac's math program and ILP's (Individual Learning Plans)
- OMSI here for Science – Chemistry as well as a star lab
- AIMSweb and MAP (spring) testing next week
- 8th grade placement is based initially on MAP test scores with teacher recommendations for students on the border of one course.
- Wildlife Film Festival Tuesday and Thursday this week (Grades 5-8 May 10; Grades k-4 May 12)

- Staff appreciation weeks were a hit. THANK YOU PTC and STUDENT COUNCIL!!!!

Activities

- Track has begun
- 8th grade graduation June 9th, 7pm

Vision Impact

- Two schools are scheduling visits regarding Performance Based (PB) courses (enrichment classes) and hear about plans for PB math courses next year. (KECI above)

Clerks Report

Our budget for next year is estimated to be approximately \$658,677. This will put us about \$20,000 below this current year’s budget.

Contract Negotiation Committee’s

With the decrease in next years budget, and the lower enrollment numbers projected, Jim would like to suggest negotiating one year contracts with PACE and PEA. For the Community Center, he feels it would still be better to keep the contract on a 3 yr term. Jim also asked if the rest of the board members would read through the contracts and give the negotiating committees any input they may have.

The other committee members who will work with Jim in the negotiations are: Victoria for the PACE and PEA contracts, Gary for the Community Center and Principal contracts, and Jeff for the clerk contract. The negotiators for the PACE contract are Mary and Gail. And the negotiators for the PEA are Nancy and Brenda.

School Policy Manual

Policy 7320, line 22 is still under discussion. Jim moved to approve the 7000 Policy series, minus policy 7320. Victoria seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

The 8000 Policy series has many references to the principal making decisions or developing guidelines. It would be preferable to use ‘at the discretion of the Principal’ in these places. Jill will call the MTSBA to see if there are any guidelines already written. Also, our goals should be reflected in the 8000 series. Jill will collect the board members notes on the 8000’s and combine them into questions for the MTSBA and for discussion in June.

Personnel Staffing for 2011-2012

Tim said with the unknowns in next years budget, he recommends renewing all tenured certified teachers, and not renewing non-tenured certified teachers at this time.

Jim moved to approve the contract renewals for all tenured certified teachers for the 2011-2012 school year. Gary seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.** Then Jim moved for non renewal of all non-tenured certified teachers for the 2011-2012 school year. Victoria seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

School Calendar FY 2011-2012

Tim presented three options for next years calendar. Option A is the MCPS schedule. Options B and C are variations on that schedule. Jim moved to approve Option C. Victoria seconded the motion. **Passed 5-0.**

Adjourn

Chair O’Boyle adjourned the Board meeting at 9:13 pm.