



Potomac Elementary School

School Board Minutes

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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, was also in attendance.

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

Consent Agenda

Gary moved to approve the consent agenda. Kelsy seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0**

Teacher Presentations

Last month Nancy Linnell showed a Rubric intended to be used in 5th & 6th grade. The rubric is one of the methods being used to integrate writing across the curriculum in all classes. This month she showed examples for 6th through 8th grades.

Cliff said he enjoys this part of the board meeting. He then asked what the board can do for Nancy. She said the 7th and 8th grades asked for new computers. Gary asked how many? Nancy said 15 would work now, but a full set would be 21 new computers.

Kristy Pohlman presented a power point documenting a day in 2nd grade'. One of the lessons the 2nd grade is learning is responsibility through taking care of pets. Each of the students has their own job. One of her priorities is keeping in contact with parents, so she is working with e-mail, facebook, the website and newsletters to maintain that contact.

Principals Report

School

- The grant writer position - Alicia has decided to move on from her position and we wish her well in her future.
- 91 Students with four new ones this week
- Started MAPS assessment this week as well
- The last staff meeting there was a discussion on the importance of text books for Social Studies. They are very dated and we need support in this area. Kristina and Sarah are working on finding a grant that will help.
- The continuity of the staff is in really good shape. I continue to be even more impressed given the time I have to watch them in action.

Activities

- Flag Football finished with three wins. One of which was the first home game in the history of Potomac.
- Girls Volleyball had a winning record. Great team atmosphere, sportsmanship, and fun to watch. The coaches are amazing

Grants

- We have received a ten thousand dollar grant from PPL energy. These funds are specifically tied to the field project.

Board Professional Development Reports

Gary has been working on the sports field, and will present that information during the agenda item that relates to it.

Kelsy spends time in 2nd grade on Mondays. She has also been in Melissa McAuley’s music and art, Terri Klein’s 1st grade and has gone with Explorers on their Rock Climbing trip.

Craig has spent time going to web pages put out by other schools, and researching information on school safety. He has also been in the cheering section during volleyball.

Cliff presented the ‘Periodic Check-In Guide’ that was e-mailed to the board and administration earlier. He likes this form of self evaluation that not only looks back, but forward to new goals and objectives. He feels this could be a way to add to the discussion on priorities and goals. He asked the board if they felt this could be a good method to start discussions and evaluations of David and Jill. The Board agreed.

Everyone had Monday the 27th of October free at 7:30 to review David and Jill through a filled out ‘Periodic Check-In’ form. It is requested that David and Jill send their filled out Periodic Check In to the board the Friday before the meeting on the 27th so the board has time to review it and come prepared.

Policy for Grants – Second Reading

Gary moved to approve the policy for grants as written. Craig seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0**

Per that approved policy, Cliff asked David to present current grants during his principal’s report at our next regular meeting.

Athletic Complex Update

Gary is working to clarify expectations and set up next steps and goals. He said the following progression is a start:

1. Build a fence (450 – 500 ft) to keep busses and cars from driving onto our newly graded track base.
2. Use the PPL grant award for the fill and grading still necessary
3. Dale will start cleaning out and grading the bottom of the skating rink area

Also needed – the N slope of the ‘amphitheater’ as well as the ramp that goes into it needs more soil and grading and the county asked us to remove the outhouse. A source of soil for our use is at Cullys.

Kelsy said she would like the board to reevaluate the original plan for the athletic complex. There might be changes, corrections or additions that would make a new approval process necessary.

Gary said he will bring the list and plan to the next regular meeting.

Personnel – none

Adjourn

Board Chair Vann adjourned the Board meeting at 9:22 pm.