



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: 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 for March 30 and April 10, 2012

Victoria moved to approve the minutes. Gary seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0.**

Board Reorganization

Gary Long moved to appoint Robert O'Boyle as board chair. Victoria Richardson seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0.**

Gary Long moved to appoint Jim Wrobel as vice-chair. Victoria Richardson seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0**

Victoria Richardson moved to appoint Jill Thornton Clerk of the Board. Jim Wrobel seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0.**

Consent Agenda

Jim moved to approve the consent agenda. Victoria seconded the motion. **Passed 4-0.**

Principals Report

Community

- Pioneer Festival, August 4th; fun runs, parade, barn dance, activities, etc. (goal)
- PAC meeting meeting April 26th no one in attendance; next meeting next fall
- Potomac U nights: Aril 16th, Reading: Root Beer Floats, good participation; May 1st - Writing: Oreos and Milk. low participation; Next night Thursday 17th 7pm - Handheld Devices by Diane Woodard (goal)

School

- 5th day survey from conferences: Friday is preferred day off
- 4 -day school week update:
 - Scheduling details are being worked out
 - 5th day options:
 - Explorers is the 5th day program name: experiential lessons, trips (grant writing focus), hands on activities, technology integration
 - Nancy Mara director of student teacher placement met with Faculty at U of M and gave us the ok to pursue a partnership w/ Student Placement for student teachers

- MAP update: Math placement this Thursday during early release, scores show improvement (goal)
- Student council generated school lunches: March 26 (Nachos, sauce); April 16th (Chicken Mexican casserole), April 20th (Taco bake) (goal)
- Writing scope and sequence meeting set for Summer 2012 (goal)
- Nancy Linnell took 5 students to a Book Competition in Whitefish
- Kristina Davis took a group of students to Hellgate Elem for Nat'l Archery in School Program competition. Two Potomac girls finished 1st and 2nd in individual results
- Kindergarten Roundup April 27th
- Nick Salmon visit regarding facilities planning April 27th (goal)
- VISTA member update: Interviews of candidates set for next week, selection by the 25th, decision by candidate by 30th. Begin date July 21st. (goal)
- Efforts continue to strengthen U of M connection for Fine Arts, Technology through Office of Civic Engagement, School of Music, etc. (goal)
WMCSPP Technologist Diane Woodard will be scheduled for Potomac U Night May 17th, 7pm (Handheld devices for parents and kids) (goal)

Activities

- Museum of the Rockies, April 25th
- May 8-9th: International Wildlife Film Festival
- Shakespeare in the School May 11th
- Bike-a-thon, May 18th
- AR BBQ, May 24th
- 7th grade outdoor education trip May 29-May31
- Field Day May 30th

Vision Impact

- Math portion of report card will not have letter grades, it will showcase a spectrum of learning based upon MCCS and MAP descriptions
- Visits from Alberton (AIMSweb) and Reed Point (math ability grouping)

Clerks Report

Jill Thornton presented the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 total general fund budget amount allocated to Potomac, as well as a preliminary expenditure budget for that fund. This discussion focuses on our payroll, as that is the majority of our costs. If payroll costs keep within 80% of the projected budget, we can cover the rest of the expenditures the school has. This projection shows payroll at 82.29% of the budget, or \$14,596 over the 80% mark. With other costs also rising, such as electricity, gas and supply costs, this budget will produce a significant hardship for the school.

School Board – Professional Development

Gary attended a Missoula County School Board meeting along with reading the MTSBA (Mt School Board Assn.) updates sent through the e-mail.

Victoria attended two teacher appreciation get togethers as well as one of our parent nights.

Bob put one of the teacher appreciation nights together.

Jim also attended one of the teacher appreciation get togethers, as well as continued to coordinate negotiations.

Contract Negotiation Committee's

Jim and Victoria, with Jeff as the alternate, compose the committee appointed by the board for contract negotiation. Nancy Linnell and Brenda Harrold represent the PEA.

The first meeting was held on the 9th of May, with the next meeting scheduled for the 15th of May. Tim Johnson also is attending the meetings for the Administration.

