

MINUTES

CRCS Board Minutes

November 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Jean Walker at 6:15 p.m.

In attendance

Jason Cooke, Justin Belanger, Jean Walker, Stephanie Miller, Sam Jencks, Laurie Hayden, Jake Daigenault, Sandra Belanger, Bill Crumbley, Brenda Hogate, Kenny Hogate.

Absent- Jodie Moshier-Towle

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the October 24th meeting and approved.

Jean spoke about policies - Justin suggested getting rid of the grade retention section. Laurie made a motion to accept the policies as written. Jason seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Jean spoke on Jodie's behalf as she received an e-mail from her. She stated that Jodie needs wish lists with monetary numbers for grants. Jean asked that everyone do their own research for their wish lists. Jean also stated that the Fund Finders will be having a meeting on Veteran's Day.

Justin said that Jodie Moshier-Towle has contacted Susan Collins' office and others in order to expedite our 501c3 number. Justin said he had met with Ernie Hilton (lawyer) regarding 501c3 review. He spoke of a possibility of a 501c3 linkup for grants. Justin suggested a temporary linkup with the town for grant purposes. Jason added that there could be a possibility of linking up with MEANS' 501c3.

Justin stated that the school needs to get a room cleaned for various reasons, the first of which is the Chiwonki group.

Justin talked of the probable need for another full time Ed Tech position. The need was based upon 50% of their time with a student and the remaining 50% of their time would be devoted to in the classroom with the educational grouping.

Justin spoke with Joanne Allen & Deb Friedman regarding how we get the money we need for special education over the 124%. The Special Education budget was discussed, regarding a possible shift to behavior programming.

Jean has an e-mail from Nancy Connolly regarding her questions about day treatment programming. Nancy suggested two types of programming, one where a behavioral specialist runs the program; another is a day treatment through a separate classroom. Jean advised we used Spurwink as a contact for behavioral programming mentoring.

Justin said we should list the Ed Tech position on serving schools due to the anticipation of another position.

Bill described the process of Special Education referral.

The budget was discussed in relationship to Special Education and a money need.

Justin discussed snow days. He asked that the no snow days policy be reconsidered. Jean said the commission would probably need to approve this. Jake made a motion that Justin contact Jana LaPointe (Charter School Commission) and request 3 snow within our school calendar to be made up at the end of the year if needed. Jason seconded the motion. There was discussion and Sam made a motion to amend the motion - rather than to give a specific number of days, have him ask for the ability to close school in extenuating circumstances. The amended motion passed 5-0.

Justin recommended having a parental survey for feedback. There was discussion and either a paper survey or Survey Monkey would be used to do this.

Justin asked if the school's sign was in the works for change. Jake said that she was working on an art program for the children to design the new sign.

Justin spoke of a parent who was doing a hurricane relief drive.

Barbara Averril suggested to Justin a culmination of the student interest groups, a sort of assembly that parents could attend to show how that program was working.

Jean said the computers were up and running. She also discussed NWEA testing.

Justin said that tomorrow he and Sam would be conducting janitor interviews.

Sam stated the bids for snow plowing came in. There were 4 bids \$11,700, \$7500, \$6500, and \$4242. It was decided to go with the lowest bidder, Ken Hogate, with a one year contract. Sam also said that next year he anticipated a three year contract instead.

Sandra spoke of student interest groups and how she had 10 open slots.

Justin said he bought a camera from the fundraising account for school use.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:03.