

Mesa Valley Vision Home & Community Program

Board of Stewards Regular Monthly Meeting

Minutes

November 10, 2009

Date: 11/10/2009	Facilitator: Brenda Nordstrom	Recorder: Susan Scofield	Meeting Locale: 804 Grand Avenue	Targeted Start Time: 6:00 pm	Targeted End Time: 8:00 pm
Board Members Present: Gerund Coonprom, Brenda Nordstrom, Kim Howard, Ron Roybal, Ruth Bond & Jennifer Prieto			Others Present: Alan Espinoza, Candace Jahnke, Tammy Erickson-Piper, Gail Giandonato, Alison Bailey, Susan Scofield		

Mesa Valley Vision Home & Community Program Goal

To create opportunity for learners to pursue a unique, comprehensive, individualized learning program supported by the district, private resources, technology and a learning community that includes family members, mentors and qualified resource consultants.

Agenda Item	Targeted Time	Item Point Person	Action	Actual Time	Final Outcome
Approval of Minutes November 3, 2009	5 Minutes	Susan Scofield	Susan said the November 3 minutes were not done yet, but that she would have them from 9/8, 11/3 & 11/10 shortly and will forward them via e-mail.	5 Minutes	
Introduction of Guest	5 Minutes	Ron Roybal	Ron introduced his guest, Alan Espinoza, who shared a little about himself. Alan is a long-time Grand Junction resident and is interested in alternative education.	5 Minutes	
Approval of Budget, Finance & Funding Policy Revision	5 Minutes	Susan Scofield	The board discussed the Budget, Finance and Funding policy revisions that were finalized on 11/3. Susan passed out a draft of language she hoped to use on rubber stamps which	10 Minutes	Ron motioned that a vote be taken on both the stamp language and the new Budget,

			she will be ordering for all RCs to use in order to implement the new policy.		Finance & Funding policy section. Brenda seconded the motion and called for a vote. The board voted unanimously to adopt the policy and agreed on the proposed rubber stamp language.
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Public Participation Segment

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Assessment Coordinator Update	10 Minutes	Tammy Erickson-Piper	<p>Tammy reported that the NWEA window is now open, but that we aren't participating in this one as a school – although individual learners may request to take it if they wish. She explained that she is working on cleaning up the NWEA records in order to transfer them to the next school for exited learners. She is also looking at obtaining the ability to offer NWEA any time at a computer in our office (currently she has the capability on her laptop). Tammy is also working on getting NWEA data to be broken down by class rosters whereas now they are all lumped together under Alison's name and have to be broken down, which is very time consuming.</p> <p>Tammy also put out a memo to families with CSAP dates so that they can mark their calendars accordingly. A couple of families have contacted her to let her know they have a trip scheduled during CSAP. Tammy is working on scheduling some make-up dates during the window. She has made arrangements for facility use with Canyon View Vineyard Church, but some of the dates coincide with two co-ops usage of the classrooms and may be problematic. Tammy may have to look at finding an additional facility.</p>	15 Minutes	Kim Howard stated that she also serves on the board of one of the co-ops that use the Vineyard facility and offered find out if there is indeed a conflict with the room usage. It was her previous understanding that there is not conflict. Kim will make some calls and follow up with Tammy.
Family Advocate Update	0 Minutes	Diane Rino	CANCELLED	0 Minutes	

<p>Resource Consultant Update</p>	<p>10 Minutes</p>	<p>Gail Giandonato</p>	<p>Gail reported that at the last RC meeting there was a lot of information given to RCs. This Thursday there will be a curriculum in-service for RCs wherein they will review phonics curriculum. Gail stated the software is now notifying RCs automatically if families are behind in their logging. The automatic notifications are working very well. At the last RC meeting, all agreed that Alison would not become involved in non-compliance related to lack of logging unless requested to do so by the RC.</p> <p>There is also a new report that is very helpful to both RCs and families, which shows how many hours have been logged to date in each subject area.</p> <p>Gail asked what information the board would like from the RCs and what the board could send back to them. Susan mentioned their input on policy – particularly the Instruction Program would be helpful.</p>	<p>10 Minutes</p>	<p>Since the board will be updating the Instructional Program section of the Guidebook in January, Susan will forward an electronic copy of the original policy to Alison in order to gain RC input before their work session.</p>
<p>Program Director Update</p>	<p>15 Minutes</p>	<p>Alison Bailey</p>	<p>Alison wanted to pass along some information from Diane who couldn't attend tonight because of a death in the family. Diane will submit her update next week via email. Alison mentioned that Diane has scheduled many activities lately and got a very modest turnout. An example was a kindergarten day at Kidzplex where no kindergarteners attended. Alison asked for some feedback from those in attendance at the meeting as to what they thought the problem might be. Tammy, Candace and Kim offered some suggestions. They think families want to do things that they can bring all their children to rather than age-segregated activities. Also, there may be a communication breakdown as some RCs forward on information on activities to their families and some don't. Some families check the website for activities and some don't. Gerund suggested that RCs give families a reminder call in advance of scheduled activities.</p>	<p>25 Minutes</p>	

			<p>Enrollment is currently at 286.</p> <p>Alison gave a summary of the move expenses. To-date, they are \$9239.00. She reported that the move generally went smoothly, but not everything is finished. She is waiting on an asbestos test to be done before an internal wall can be removed.</p> <p>One thing that is coming up for discussion at an upcoming RC meeting is replacing open slots with learners mid-year. She plans to get RC input on this matter then bring some suggestions to the board before they finalize the Learners policy. At this time, the policy language is vague on the matter.</p> <p>Alison also read a letter from an RC regarding one of her learners. The student is very, very ill and can't do much school now. Because it will be a recurring issue in years to come, the board will discuss it in January. Ron will forward some ideas on this particular case in the meantime.</p> <p>Alison gave an update on the progress of the School Advisory Council. Four parents came to the first meeting of the school year. The AIM they are focusing on this year is Efficient Use of Resources. They will meet again on November 19th and hope to also gain input from the Curriculum Committee. They will work together toward achievement of that goal.</p> <p>Two learners went to Hong Kong and did a culinary work study at a hotel there. The board would like them to do a presentation of what they learned in January. They asked that a special meeting be called just for this presentation and suggested a Wednesday in January. All agreed that 5:00 would be a good time.</p>		<p>Ron offered to get the district policy related to extended illness and pass it along to the board for consideration.</p> <p>Alison will notify the RCs and work on scheduling a special board meeting in January for this purpose.</p>
<p>Curriculum Lending Library Tammy would like to bring a question before the board from the Curriculum Committee</p>	<p>10 Minutes</p>	<p>Tammy Erickson-Piper</p>	<p>Tammy reported that the curriculum committee serves several functions; one is to set up a lending library which they anticipate will include novels, study guides, DVDs, reference materials, educational materials (textbooks) and curriculum examples. As they have progressed in the plan, they have become aware that many families want to look at</p>	<p>15 Minutes</p>	<p>Ron gave his opinion. He thinks that families need to seek faith-based curriculum outside of this program. He thinks having it reside in our library could create excessive</p>

			<p>faith-based curriculum examples. The curriculum committee wants to know if faith-based examples could reside in the library if they were donated, not purchased by the program. Tammy made it clear that no one on the committee wants to break the law, but that they need clarification on the matter.</p>		<p>entanglement with religion and it could be problematic.</p> <p>Ruth expressed her opinion as well. She acknowledged there are some good faith-based curriculums out there, but agreed that it could create entanglement of the program with religion. She suggested that perhaps families could be directed to each other for information on faith-based curriculum.</p> <p>Brenda called for a vote. Those in favor of having faith based curriculum reside in the lending library – 0, those against – 6.</p> <p>The board agreed to go by this general rule: If the program can't fund it, it shouldn't reside in the library.</p>
<p>BYU Independent Study Courses Alison would like to make the board aware of independent study courses available for middle and high schoolers through BYU and have a discussion about the fundability of these courses.</p>	10 Minutes	Alison Bailey	<p>A family brought this program to Alison's attention. It is an independent study program for middle and high schoolers wherein they can earn high school credits. While the classes are offered through a private university connected with a religious organization, many of the courses have a secular purpose and are not designed to promote or advance religion.</p>	10 Minutes	<p>The board approved funding these classes under these conditions: Each course we're funding and awarding credit for must go through the same process that we use to determine the fundability of curriculum. The board would like each course looked at individually.</p>
<p>End of Public Participation Segment</p>					

Beginning of Board of Stewards Topic Item Discussions/Business Work Session

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<p>Topic #1 Community Service Hours This is a continuation of the discussion regarding community service hours from the October meeting.</p>	10 Minutes	Susan Scofield	The board president asked that this item be moved to the January regular meeting as she didn't think there would be enough time to address it at tonight's meeting.	5 Minutes	
<p>Topic #2: Learners Policy Section of Guidebook</p>	30 Minutes	Susan Scofield	The board went through the Learners section again, which had fewer changes than it did at the 11/3 meeting. Some of the things that still needed to be resolved were the enrollment cut-off date for 21 year-olds, special ed policy, the awarding of high school credit for middle schoolers, transferred-in credit, a GPA requirement for the Conventional and Individualized graduation pathways and the roles of the Guidance Counselor, Achievement Coordinator, Resource Consultant and Family Advocate in graduation.	30 Minutes	Ron will obtain some district policy related to 21-year-olds and grade/age requirements for earning high school credit. Susan will work with Marla, Alison and Carolyn on finalizing the SPED policy. Some of the other policy questions will go back to the graduation committee members. The board hopes to finalize this policy section via e-mail in the next couple of weeks.
<p>Topic #3: Draft Job Descriptions: Business Manager & Software Administrator</p>	20 Minutes	Alison Bailey	The board went into executive session on this matter.	30 Minutes	A special meeting will be called to discuss the matter directly with Susan – possibly next week.

<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting: January 12, 2010 – Regular Monthly Meeting</p>	<p>Meeting Locale: 1401 North 1st Street</p>	<p>Targeted Start Time: 6:00 pm</p>	<p>Targeted End Time: 8:00 pm</p>
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