

Board of Stewards Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 26

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. and ended at 9:00 p.m.

Persons in attendance: Gerund Coonprom, Susan Scofield, Alison Bailey, Candace Jahnke, Brenda Nordstrom, Gail Giandonato and Ruth Bond

Persons not in attendance: Craig Richmond

The following issues were discussed:

1. Susan Scofield discussed her role. She will continue to act as a consultant until October 1st in order to train the Funding Administrator and Family Advocate as well as update the Program Guidebook. After October 1st she will return as a member of the Board of Stewards.
2. The Board of Stewards would like to add several additional members.
3. Alison Bailey asked to treat the BOS as 1 entity to eliminate communication chaos and to comply with the Program Guidebook. She will bring issues to the BOS who will decide as a unit what should be done.
4. Alison also discussed the issue of parents complaining about RCs. She is committed to supporting the RCs and has asked the families to give RCs time to learn. After a few weeks if there are still issues, they can bring those to the administration. The BOS supports Alison's leadership and decisions in this matter.
5. Kevin Sheppard is scheduled to come back on September 11th to get KEVLORS up and running so that ILPs can be entered into the system. For now RCs and families are working on creating the ILPs in Word documents so that they are ready for inputting.
6. The District wants a general idea of each student's schedule for the semester. A calendar must be submitted with a schedule in order to receive funding from the District. These schedules will also be inputted into the KEVLORS system when it is ready.
7. Alison will be running the ads for the Funding Administrator and Family Advocate for one week with Sunday included (Thursday to Thursday). Alison Bailey, Joan Coonprom and Candace Jahnke will interview 3 candidates for each position.
8. The BOS discussed the possibility of accepting Out of District Learners. The only option for participation in district sports/ crossover classes/ special education services would be if they would drive to District 51 to participate. They cannot access these services in their own districts. The BOS voted to accept the Out of District Learners on a case-by-case basis.
9. Alison will call the office landlord to find out how to get more water to the lawn.
10. Alison brought up her concern again about how to comply with the Colorado Basic Literacy Act.
 - We are currently offering the NWEA in Reading, Math and Language Arts to grades 2 – 10 in the fall and the spring to be able to note progress. Only 3rd grade is required to take the NWEA.
 - Traditional schools are testing students in grades K – 3 often to prepare them.
 - RCs are being encouraged to talk to families about how their K-2 students are doing, and to offer VERY informal assessments of where the students are in reading.

- Discussed the traditional home schooling mindset against pushing students before they are developmentally ready to read and test. The BOS wants to support parents as well as comply with our guidebook policies regarding testing.
 - Discussed offering families the option to have their students take the Dibbles, DRE-2 or QRA which is a simple form to evaluate. Also discussed bringing on Gail Washington as a consultant to help evaluate these students and offer assistance in helping them to learn to read. The BOS voted to hire Gail Washington on as a consultant to assist in the testing process.
 - Also discussed the need to communicate very WELL in a positive non-threatening way to families.
 - RCs need to be trained to give the various assessments that will be offered.
11. Several autistic students wish to sign up for the program but will not be working toward any of our current diploma paths. Discussed the need to offer another option for these types of learners with a special diploma to be earned.
 12. Alison may need to bring some part-time RCs to fulltime status to meet enrollment needs. The BOS has given her the support to make these changes as the need arises and as the RCs are willing.

Next BOS Meeting: Tuesday, September 9th, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.