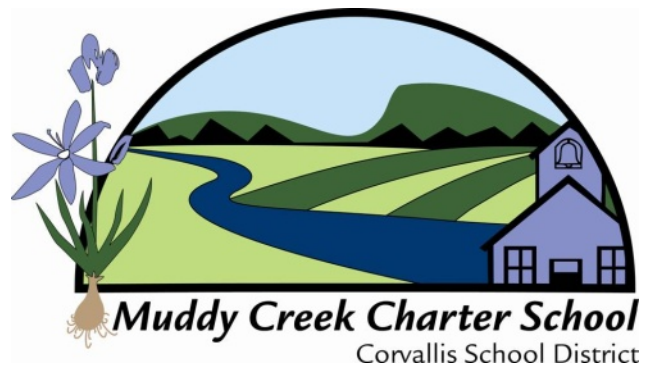


# ICP Board Meeting Highlights

February 13, 2014



## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

- \* **Charter Renewal**
- \* **Classroom Configuration**
- \* **School Lunch Program**
- \* **Teacher/Staff Trainings & Board Training**
- \* **Head Teacher**
- \* **Budget Report**

### Action Items:

- **Approval** of January Minutes
- **Approval** of the Hiring Committee's candidate recommendation for the Head Teacher position

### Discussion:

**Policies/Procedures** – The Board discussed reviewing and revising several policies and procedures. Additional policies need to be written pertaining to annual staff trainings, document retention and child safety. The Board is seeking and receiving additional insight from OSBA (Oregon School Boards Association) and the Corvallis School District with regards to drafting these important policies.

**Classroom Configuration** – By the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board needs to decide on class configurations for next year. The enrollment process will begin in March and determining class configurations is an essential step in responding to applications for admission to M CCS. There is strong support for keeping the current grade configurations, but input and ideas are both welcome and encouraged!

### Reports:

**School Lunch** – The stove ansul system must be replaced in order for the M CCS kitchen to remain up to code. Lunch program costs are higher than income and work is being done to find ways to save money. The Board is committed to continuing the lunch program through the end of the year and will discuss the future of the program at that time. Many thanks to Kristina Rosenbaum, Melissa Cunningham all the lunch volunteers for your hard work!

**Charter Renewal** – The Corvallis School District recommended that our charter be renewed and the CSD Board voted to renew the Muddy Creek Charter School charter. The CSD Board expressed concerns about our test scores in math and reading, but the District is also looking for other ways to assess M CCS's success. Dan will be developing a reporting system.

**Nonprofit Board Training** – Several Board Members attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Nonprofit Training offered by the Center for Nonprofit Stewardship (an organization located in Philomath). The training provided valuable resources for Board development and growth.

**Board Report** – M CCS teachers and staff attended a math training and a Love & Logic training. M CCS is applying to become a Love & Logic Institute.

**Budget Report** – Financials are in order and funding is available to make some much needed facility repairs. Discussed options for spending unrestricted donations on artists in residence to support M CCS's mission to integrate art in education.

## DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 115 charter schools in Oregon alone!

## Board Q & A:

### Why does ICP exist?

Every charter school is required by law to have a board of directors who are ultimately responsible for the school's performance. Inavale Community Partners (ICP) is a community based non-profit organization founded in 2006 whose principal mission is to support and sustain the rural community living in unincorporated parts of South Benton County. Muddy Creek Charter School is ICP's primary project.

### What does the board do exactly?

The board is responsible for creating and upholding the mission and vision of MCCS. The board writes policies and procedures for the school that support the school's mission and vision, direct various school operations, provide financial stewardship of its assets and ensure that all legal requirements are met.

### Who can join the board and how?

Anyone can apply to join the ICP board. We are always seeking new members to join the board and contribute their expertise and knowledge. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Erik Swartzendruber at erikpeter@yahoo.com.

### Who can come to board meetings?

Anyone and everyone! School boards are required to follow Open Meeting Law, which means that anyone in the community can come to board meetings. Attending board meetings is a wonderful way to learn more about the issues that affect MCCS and share input that can help guide board decision-making. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

### FOR MORE INFORMATION...

ICP board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month in the MCCS Community Room at 7pm.

You can find meeting minutes and agendas for upcoming meetings on the MCCS website under "About Us" → "ICP & Board Information".

You can also send questions or input to the ICP Board at [board@muddycreekcharterschool.org](mailto:board@muddycreekcharterschool.org)

### Why "Highlights"?

By providing a user-friendly version of the monthly board minutes, we hope to keep the MCCS community informed about what is happening at the board level.

The "Highlights" offer a synopsis of the various board meeting topics, discussions and decisions. The complete meeting minutes can be found on the MCCS website.

### MCCS MISSION STATEMENT

Muddy Creek Charter School was founded to provide an outstanding K-5 public educational program for children who reside in and around the Muddy Creek Watershed. In multi-age classrooms, the school will deliver a place-based, project-based, integrated arts and science curriculum grounded in its rural agricultural setting and commitment to community service. Diverse learning styles will be fostered. MCCS will be supported in its efforts by forging and maintaining partnerships with local landowners and agencies, OSU researchers and the community at large. Our success will be our children. The students of MCCS will not only meet or surpass the state benchmarks but will also have a deeper understanding of their place in the world as demonstrated by portfolios of high quality projects, and they will be well prepared to transition into other schools for their continued education.

**Next Board Meeting: March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Community Room**