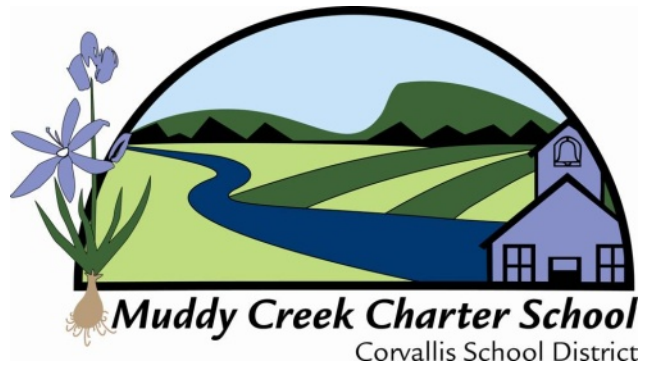


# ICP Board Meeting Highlights

March 13, 2014



## Meeting Minutes Summary...

- \* Classroom Configuration
- \* Traffic Safety Light
- \* Gym Roof Repair
- \* Policy/Procedure Updates
- \* Budget Report

### Action Items:

- **Approved** the February minutes
- **Approved** raising the kindergarten cap from 14 students to 16 students
- **Approved** adding April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> as snow make-up days

### Reports:

**School Report** – The enrollment lottery will be held this month, and there are many applications for enrollment for the 2014/15 school year (particularly in kindergarten).

Teachers have attended several trainings and are finding these trainings very helpful. Several staff members will be attending a training on interventions for students with special needs.

**Budget Report** – The Board discussed financial factors that require some minor adjustments to the budget. While some expenditures have increased, the school is still in good financial standing. Due to ample carryover, there will be extra funding available to repair the gym roof over the summer.

### Discussion:

**Classroom Configuration** – After thorough consideration of Staff input and recommendations, the Board has decided to keep classroom configurations for the 2014/15 school year the same: one K, two 1/2, one 3/4 and one 4/5.

**Traffic Safety Light** – Dave Buchanan has been researching options for increasing traffic/student safety in the MCCS school zone. He will continue to research grants and other funding options to install blinking yellow lights. In the meantime, other options are being explored to reduce speeding violations in our school zone.

**Gym Roof Repair** – A big thank you to Tim Martin for gathering bids and offering his expert guidance in finding the best option for completing the repairs for the gym roof. The Board will be voting on funding these repairs during the April Board meeting.

**Policy/Procedure Updates** – The Board is working to draft and approve several new policies. Several Board members will be organizing a committee to edit and prepare final drafts for Board review and approval.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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

Meeting minutes and agendas for upcoming meetings are available 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)

## DID YOU KNOW?

The first official charter school was opened in Minnesota in 1992.

# Meet the ICP Board!

**Erik Swartzendruber, Board President** – Erik grew up in rural south Benton County. He currently works for Gaia Landscapes. He and his wife, Angela, are blessed parents to Skyla and Casey who both attend Muddy Creek Charter School. Erik's hobbies include playing music, growing fresh produce and spending time with his family.

**Elisa Fairbanks, Board Treasurer (non-voting member)** – You might know me as 'Gradin's mom'. I organize the Movin' Muskrats and keep the finances in order for the school. I went to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and studied business and specialized in management information systems. I had a career at HP in medical product development with cool technology to manage chronic illness. I am mom to 3 and enjoy playing and coaching soccer.

**Melissa Harris, Board Secretary** – I moved to Corvallis from Southern Oregon over sixteen years ago to study Nutrition at OSU. After graduating, my husband and I settled in Philomath and became proud parents to Isaac, Danielle and Leland. I enjoy running, preparing nutrition foods, and time spent with my family gardening, playing soccer, camping, hiking, cycling and mountain biking.

**Kelly Bell, Board Member** – Kelly and her family have lived in south Corvallis for the past five years, and her two children are MCCS alumni. Her past experience includes work as a lab manager for both a non-profit research group and a university bioresearch lab. Kelly has devoted many hours to organizing the MCCS library, serving as the MCCS librarian, running the Scholastic Book Fair, and volunteering in numerous other capacities including multiple fundraisers.

**Dave Buchanan, Board Member** – Dave and his wife Margy own Tye Winery and have been an integral part of the rural farming community in south Benton County for many years. Dave attended Inavale School and went on to earn degrees in Fisheries and Marine Biology from OSU. He has worked as a research ecologist for over 30 years, including work for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Nature Conservancy. Dave's granddaughter currently attends MCCS and he is excited to support this local community school.

**Guy Davis, Board Member** – Guy and his family moved from Michigan two years ago to settle in Corvallis. With his master's degree in Counseling, Guy currently works as a Mental Health Therapist and Clinical Supervisor at the Farm Home. He brings over 23 years of experience in mental health, special education and social services to the Board.

**Janice Thompson, Board Member** – Janice received her Master's degree in Education and taught Special Education in the Sweet Home school district for 18 years. Although retired from teaching, she currently manages Currier Place, Inc. and also spends time volunteering in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom her daughter teaches. She has two daughters that live close by and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, Maddie and Zachary. Her hobbies include reading, knitting, camping and walking her dog, Jackson.

**Nell O'Malley, Board Member** – Nell has lived in Corvallis for over 20 years and currently works as the Director for Education Licensure at OSU. Her past professional experiences include teaching, working as a teacher prep program coordinator, and fulfilling the duties of board chair for the Corvallis School District. Throughout her career, Nell has been an advocate for creative arts in learning and has cultivated an integrated, arts-based approach to teaching.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Policy Review Committee** – We are looking for staff and community members to help draft new school policies for Board approval. In addition, we need to review and revise current policies. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Melissa Harris at [honeybharris@gmail.com](mailto:honeybharris@gmail.com).

**Grant Writers** – As a nonprofit entity, fund-raising is integral to completing the many projects that make our school successful (think school garden, art room kiln, playground equipment, etc.). We are looking for volunteers to help identify grants that MCCS is eligible to receive, and then write and submit these grants. Please contact Erik Swartzendruber if you are interested at [erikpeter@yahoo.com](mailto:erikpeter@yahoo.com)

*Please consider volunteering your time. We can't do this important work without you!*

**Next Board Meeting: April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Community Room**