

ICP Board Meeting Highlights

May 8, 2014



May Minutes Summary...

- * Charter Renewal
- * Board Membership
- * Attendance Policy
- * Policy/Procedure Proposal
- * School & Budget Reports
- * ED/Board Evaluation

Action Items:

- **Approval** of April minutes
- **Approval** of 2013-14 and 2014/15 budgets
- **Approval** to dispose of broiler and stove
- **Approval** of Insurance Declaration of Trust
- **Approval** of Attendance Policy revisions

Reports:

School Report – The 509J Board voted to approve the wording in our charter contract with the District. Enrollment for next year is full and there are waiting lists for every class! The Wildlife Summit was a huge success and MCCA students created impressive displays. Dan will be investing in STAR Assessment software to help track student progress so that teachers can more effectively monitor growth and individualize instruction.

Budget Report – The current budget reflects a decrease in state funding, additional expenses incurred, and investments in facility improvements including asbestos removal and gym roof replacement. While net income is negative, carryover is healthy. Elisa and Dan have developed the 2014-15 budget with a conservative estimate of state funding. Even after increases in staff hours and other expenditures, next years net income is positive.

Discussion:

Charter Contract Renewal – The 509J Board has approved the final draft of our Charter Renewal Agreement. Dan will be negotiating additional changes to the contract wording before the ICP Board votes to approve the agreement.

Policy/Procedure Proposal – The Board plans to review, revise and organize the school's Policies & Procedures, establish a schedule for Policy & Procedure maintenance, and ensure that these documents are readily accessible. Melissa H. has provided an assessment and the Board has tentatively budgeted a dollar amount to fund the completion of this project.

ED/Board Evaluation – It is time for the annual evaluation of the Board and Executive Director. Erik and Dan are in the process of obtaining additional information in order to develop an effective evaluation and goal-setting process.

2014-15 Calendar – MCCA plans to follow the Corvallis School District 509J calendar next school year. The Board will discuss any possible adjustments before adopting the calendar during the June meeting.

Board Membership – Guy Davis has stepped down from the Board and the Board is looking for new members. Per the contract agreement with the District, the ICP Board must have a minimum of five members at all times. With six members currently, the Board needs to prioritize recruiting new members to maintain healthy membership numbers. Please seriously consider serving on the Board! If you are interested, contact Erik at erikpeter@yahoo.com.

For a complete summary of the May meeting reports, discussions, and votes, please read the **May 8, 2014 Minutes**.

ATTENTION: Attendance Policy Revision!

The Board has approved revisions to the **Attendance Policy 00016b**. Please take time to read through the entire policy, as all families are required to comply with the policy.

Summer is just around the corner...

Although MCCS students are no doubt excited to enjoy their school-free days, taking advantage of learning opportunities over the summer months is important. Integral to the educational philosophy at MCCS is the belief that learning can happen in any setting—not just the classroom! Encouraging your children to read, journal, explore and create over the summer months will help them practice the skills they have learned and avoid the “Summer Slide”. The “Summer Slide” is a term used to describe the learning loss that occurs when kids do not practice the academic skills they have acquired during the school year. Taking time to incorporate learning activities into your fun-filled summer will provide your children with opportunities to hone their academic skills so that they will be ready to pick up where they left off when fall rolls around.



RESOURCE LINKS

National Summer Learning Association

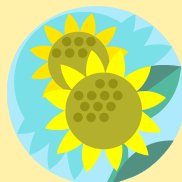
Summer Science Activities

Kids Math Games

Natural Math

Nature Inspired Crafts

Art & Craft Ideas



Summer Reading is Very Beneficial!

Encourage your kids to develop an appetite for reading! The Corvallis, Philomath, Alsea and Monroe Libraries host a reading program every summer. This summer's theme is **Fizz! Boom! Read!** Please read the [Summer Program Flyer](#) on the [Summer Reading Program](#) page to learn more.

Practice Writing Via Journaling...

Did you just return from a hike up Mount Jefferson? Have you paddled your canoe around Waldo Lake? Whether your adventures are big or small, encouraging your kids to journal gives them the opportunity to document and reflect on their summer activities while practicing their writing skills!

Next Board Meeting: June 12th @ 7pm in the Community Room