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Inavale Community Partners
Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2015

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ICP Board Meeting called to order at 7:05pm in the MCCS Staff Room

In Attendance: Erik Swartzendruber, Barb Holt, Melissa Harris, James Anderson, Tim Martin, Leann Eagles-Smith, Dave Buchanan

Summary of Votes:

Motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2015. Erik moves; Dave seconds; passed 5, 5, 5, 5.

Public Comments: Dave discussed hosting a spring event at Tyee Winery, like last year. Spring Camp out is tentatively scheduled for June 6th. Discussed scheduling the Tyee event two weeks before the camp out. The PTO will be organizing the Spring Camp Out and may also help organize the event at Tyee Winery.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of February minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2015. Erik moves; Dave seconds; passed 5, 5, 5, 5.

Reports:

PTO Report: PTO is working on planning the camp out and they will also be organizing the Wildlife Stewards program, which MCCS is hosting. The PTO is also working on 5th grade graduation.

509J Report: Leann reported that there is a new budget analyst at the District. The new budget analyst along with Steve Nielson will be coming out to tour MCCS and meet the staff.

ICP Treasurer's Report: ICP still has \$499.46 in the account with \$13 in petty cash.

Budget Report: Afternoon Adventures will no longer be offered next year since full-day kindergarten will begin in 2015-16. There are funds left over from AA, so these funds need to be dispersed. The budget is on track and the school is within \$100-\$200 of the budget plan. However, ADMw figures have not caught up to current enrollment, which means that income will go down as enrollment has dropped. Leann and Barb are working to create a system that will allow teachers to keep track of their classroom funds throughout the year.

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School Report: There are waiting lists for all grades, but no openings available except for 4th grade. The applicants for K and 1st are numerous: 26 and 11 respectively. There are several facility improvements that were recommended including repair to a damaged wall in the gym, tile repair in the technology room, T-111 replacement on the west side of the building and possibly the play shed roof. Barb and Tom attended a math conference that was very helpful. Dave mentioned that there is a free event “Meet the Scientist” at the Hatfield Marine Center in Newport on Saturday, April 11th.

Discussion and Decision:

Ed/Board Review: Leann suggested using Google Docs to host the ED and Board surveys. Paper surveys can be offered to people who don't want to do go online. Discussed and made revisions to the ED and Board evaluation documents. Evaluations will be completed before next meeting. Discussed having a board retreat and including staff.

Long-term Class Configuration: Teachers would like to have consistent class configurations from year to year. Due to class numbers, this is not currently possible. Barb mentioned that it is important to have flexibility when determining class configurations from year to year because student numbers are constantly in flux. It is normal in the District and elsewhere for teachers to be moved to a different grade assignment or class configuration. The discussion regarding class configurations will be ongoing. Discussed some of the challenges related to keeping the kindergarten cap at 16 vs. 18.

Board Membership and Recruitment: Need to change bylaws to reflect minimum board membership requirement. District now requires 5 vs. 3. In the past, Dan has recruited board members. Tim mentioned that the board's week spot is financial expertise. Recruiting a board member with financial savvy would benefit the board. Nell O'Mally offered to resign from the board because she is unable to attend regularly. Discussed the benefit of having her expertise and the concerns about meeting quorum.

Volunteers: Communicating with volunteers when schedule changes occur would be beneficial so that volunteers feel that their time is respected. Erik asked if offering a staff training to help staff work effectively with volunteers would be helpful. Discussed having a volunteer appreciation day to ensure that volunteers are recognized for their efforts.

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Attendance/Tardies: Erik had concerns about rewarding kids with perfect attendance. Because children are dependent on their parents to help them arrive to school on time, rewarding kids for being on time and not rewarding those who are not causes frustration for students. There is evidence that this reward system is causing distress and divisiveness at the school. Barb will address this with teachers and see what improvements can be made.

Calendar/Action Items: James discussed applying for grants for insulation and solar panels to improve energy use at MCCS.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

Minutes taken by Melissa Harris

ACTION ITEMS: None