

LCEFC/RMDS Board Minutes
Thursday, December 9, 2010
1921 Youngfield St.
Golden, CO 80401
APPROVED

Present: Christine Pendley (Board President)
Rob Loveless (Board Vice President)
Ryan Commerson (Community Representative) – via ichtat
Mary Cregan (Staff Representative)
Kelly Baldwin (Staff Representative)

Absent: Lisa Hann (Educational Representative)
Anne Marie Baer (Community Representative)
Laura Balczarek (Educational Representative)

Guests: Nancy Bridenbaugh (Interim Director)
Kaye Edwards

Interpreters: Lynda Rimmel, Tricia Frank and Jolinda Greenfield

Meeting called to order at 6:16 pm.

Overview of Agenda – no objection to changing introduction of Potential Parent Rep to agenda item #2.

Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2010 and October 28, 2010

**Rob Loveless moves the April 29, 2010 minutes be approved as written.
Ryan Commerson seconds. All in favor.**

Rob Loveless moves the October 28, 2010 minutes be approved with the revisions discussed. Ryan Commerson seconds. All in favor.

Public Comments - none

Reports:

Staff Report- (Kelly) Stephanie delivered a baby boy, Riley Alexander on December 5. Valerie Sharer will sub for her until she returns to work. The Winter Play is Wednesday, December 15, “ASL Wonderland” at Wheat Ridge High School.

Parent Report – none

Search Committee/Interview Committee – (Nancy) There are four applications. Three are complete; one is missing their letter of recommendation. Committee felt it worthwhile to extend the deadline and re-advertise in January then review them all in February. Letters will be sent to the applicants to keep them posted. Rob would like the advertisement to be expanded. Interview committee will consist of two staff, two parents, board member, deaf community rep and the director.

Meet Potential Parent Rep – Kaye Edwards – Kaye shared her personal educational background with us. She worked as a teacher aide at Fremont for several years so she has experience in an educational setting. Because she has a child at RMDS she feels she will help to make good decisions for RMDS. She feels that she is able to make the commitment to serve on the board.

Mission Statement – The board agrees to use the mission statement from the Parent Handbook changing the “fifth grade” to read the “twelfth grade”. The term “Deaf-friendly” should be removed from the statement because it implies this is a hearing environment that is adapted to the Deaf. Nancy will bring this to the staff to discuss the term that would describe the environment offered here at RMDS.

Director Report – (Nancy) Nancy reported about Accountability regarding CSAP scores and how the staff are working at helping the students raise their scores.

Ruth Mather visited the school and discussed Deaf Education state wide. Ms Mathers was already familiar with our Autism program. Melissa Peterson will become a mentor for Autism educators and represent CDE as well as RMDS.

CDE approved our Excess Cost Rate. The daily rate for grades 1-12 is \$130.04, Kindergarten is \$117.14, and Preschool is \$93.45.

Cliff Moers met a spokesperson from the radio station KOOL105. They will post RMDS on the front page of their website as their “Cause of the Month” and interview the director. The interview will be broadcast on three different stations. Kay Bohan, one of the parents at RMDS, works for Fuller Sotheby’s. Sotheby’s picks a cause and asks their brokers and clients to donate to a charity of the year. Sotheby’s has agreed to have RMDS as their charity.

BEST Grant application must be submitted by March 4, 2011. A meeting will take place with AMD to modify the drawings. The rough changes will be submitted to Scott Newell before we submit the official application. The square footage will be reduced to +/- 43,000 sq ft at \$10.8 million. We still need matching funds of \$1.2 million. Grants are being completed and submitted requesting matching funds. RMDS will stay in the current facility for next year and possibly acquire the space next door to expand. We will seek to collaborate with another school for use of their gym or how to modify our current space to make a small gym area.

Enrollment is currently 1-12 grades have 45, K have 5, Preschool have 10 with two new potential students.

CDE Rate Report – included in Director’s report

Building Team Report – included in Director’s report

Fundraiser Ideas -

Spring Gala (Kelly) – the staff wants to be fully responsible for the Gala, not as collaboration with the Board. Mary and Kelly will co-chair. Committees will be established to work on particulars. The monies from the benefit, the staff would like the authority to use the funds for RMDS.

Golf Outing – is being worked on and planned for this Spring.

Wine and Cheese would be best to be held in the Fall
Spring Play Nicki Runge would like to host a play in the Spring as a fundraiser.
King Soopers gift cards, Chris will check on these.

Board Retreat Dates and Location – TBD

Meeting Adjourned 9:29 pm