

LCEFC/RMDS Board Agenda
Thursday, May 27, 2010
6:00 PM
1921 Youngfield St.
Golden, CO 80401
APPROVED

Present: David Wilcox (Board Vice President)
Stephanie Carson (Staff Representative)
Kelly Baldwin (Staff Representative)

Anne Marie Baer (Community Representative)
Lara Balczarck (Educational Rep) late arrival

Absent: Christine Pendley (Board President)
Lisa Hann (Educational Representative)
Rob Gerck (Business Representative)

Guests: Bob Hughes, Keith Boyd (AMD), Alison Talbert, Eileen Kratzer

Interpreters: Lynda Remmel and Tricia Frank

Meeting called to order at 6:21pm – Quorum not satisfied until Lara Balczarck arrives

Approval of past minutes will be tabled until the next meeting

Reports:

Staff Reps –Tuesday, June 1, 10am is Kindergarten Graduation, Wednesday the kids will spend the day swimming, Thursday the staff is expecting fewer students because of half-day of school and no transportation provided, then Friday the teachers finish closing their rooms.

Parent Reps – Parent’s survey will be ready at the next meeting.

Building/Capital Campaign Report:

Bob Hughes reported that on June 28, 29, and 30 the BEST Grant Staff will review all applications. The BEST Staff still needs to review all contracts. Bob is requesting a motion that would allow Chris Pendley and/or Nancy Bridenbaugh authority to sign the contract between RMDS and AMD. There are several meetings set up with some major donors as well. There are other grants that have been submitted and pending approval or not. Bob spoke of the importance of the BEST Grant being passed this year; Constitutional Amendments 61, 63, 101 are trying to be passed which will eliminate the BEST

Grant Program. The Building team has decided to wait for funding approval before looking for a Deaf Consultant to be on the team.

The RMDS Golf Tournament last Friday was very successful with 36 participants. Everyone had an enjoyable time and would like to come back again next year. We do not have an exact dollar amount yet but the Golf Committee has already started working on the tournament for next year.

Keith Boyd, AMD Architect, informed the board that this is a proposal to just go thru the Best Grant portion. The contract is pending the BEST Grant approval. Further contracts will be drafted once the grant is approved.

Stephanie Carson asked about our responsibility to fundraise 1.2 million dollars. Technically RMDS has fundraised this amount, but we are still working on fundraising.

(Lara Balczarek arrived at 8:10pm to satisfy a quorum for a motion)

**Anne Marie moves that the board approves Chris Pendley and Nancy Bridenbaugh to sign the contract with AMD.
Kelly seconds. All in Favor. Motion passes.**

Director's Report:

Nancy Bridenbaugh reports that Jennifer McLellan, Amy Novotny, and Sara Lee Herzig-Wilcox are on the Lead Team. The whole staff is supporting the change. The staff, students and even parents are progressing forward. We are in the middle of the interview process for the High School. New students are coming in also.

Spoken English Trip Report – There has been noticeable improvement with one student since RMDS hired Eileen Kratzer as a part-time SLP. She is working with 11 students currently. The goal was to find a program that could be brought to our school; however we did not find one. What was noted was separate classrooms caused divisions. Programs they used ASL and spoken English simultaneously caused confusion in the classroom. In some programs there was a division between the deaf and hearing staff due to the spoken English program. None of the schools had any data to support their programs. Here at RMDS, data is being collected.

The next step would be to establish a committee with the board, administration, staff, parents, and community for immediate and long term planning. The committee should help to determine language allocation, what percentage of a student's day would be using each language. Also, make a strong statement that our school is bilingual and the language of instruction is ASL. Trust needs to happen between the staff and students when using two languages in a school.

Search Committee Progress Report:

Stephanie Carson reports that only one person has responded to date. Two staff members have agreed to be on the committee. The original request for Search Committee volunteers will be resent. There is still concerned as to how to pick the 7 applicants for the committee.

Discussion of Nomination Committee for Future Board Members:

Need to fill two positions on the board. We have two applicants and possibly one more.

Second Reading of the Revision to the Bylaws:

Board Members need to read through the revised bylaws on their own time and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

We, the board, would like to recognize Lynda Remmel and all the work she has done with RMDS and recognize her retirement with a gift. Lynda appreciates the card and the gift card to Harley Davidson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.