

FMBCS Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Type of Meeting: Monthly Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Chairman, Dave Stevens

Board Members: Dave Stevens, Jim Corcoran, William Mihin, Jim Zuberbuhler, Rachel Schwam

School Representatives: Molly Huckaby, Mary Jensen, Jennifer Greaves and Audra Mearns
Alan Millar (joined via teleconference)

Public: Julie Williams (teacher)

Call to Order: 7:02pm

Public Comment:

Operations, Consent Agenda & Expenditures:

November 20 & December 4, 2013 Minutes and Expenditures submitted by Audra, approved by Jim C., seconded by Will, and Jim Z.

Open Business:

Follow up from November meeting with FMBCS faculty

Enrollment- March 7th at the 2014/2015 school year -

Jennifer Greve (middle school) announced that the current enrollment number for the 6th grade are 50, 7th grade 56 and 8th grade are at 59. Mary Jensen (high school) announced that there is approximately 185 students with a closing enrollment date of 1/29/14 and that there are 39 seniors that may be eligible for graduation. Mary updated that with K12 there are 80 students, of which 20 are strictly online only and that K12 is used for the 8 & 6 average.

School Report(s):

General: Laura Moss is the new head person for the Math Department.

Mary Jensen- Mary announced that Anna Filce was the first student to solo in the Aviation program and that she is currently working on K12 licensing. Mary was having student achievement conferences with parents.

Jennifer Greves- Jennifer informed the board about the schools ski days, and that the mid-year student awards luncheon will be on Jan 29th and catered by the school.

PTech Report: presentation Molly gave the presentation on the PTech update. The board listened and watched a power point presentation. The presentation showed that the program would go through grade 14, offers options for students and how far they want to go is up to them. PTech will offer internships,

job placements, guidance, networks and relationships within the work force. A comment was made, that PTech could be the identity of the school and make the FMBCS stand out.

Miscellaneous Concerns: There were many questions and concerns brought up throughout the meeting regarding a variety of topics and they were:

- is dual enrollment going to be an option versus a accelerated path that is 100% Early College access.
- the FMBCS is project based in the middle school, going forward is there still the expectation of learning being project based in the high school.
- current path is having the trimesters where the high school students are already given the option to basically complete 6 years in 4 with the options of dual enrollment to be able to graduate with a high school diploma and a 2 year degree at the same time.
- that the No Credit (NC) rate is high due to the number of potential drop out since the pacing is different.
- if this is a mandate we will be at full capacity versus optional where we will have more students.
- with PTech, is it pushing the FMBCS to eliminate the flexibility and options and the choice to be able to serve the general public as well as the traditional academic measures.
- concerns regarding the funding source, can the school support it, where is the faculty coming from, where are the resources, in the same class setting are we willing to offer 1 and 1.5 year path in the same classroom. Staff comment was: realistically is this a un-tenable solution. Staff comment was we are trying to provide access to a large number of students. Staff comment was that this person could not support privatization of public schools with the privatizing route coming from corporate funding. Board comment was we don't get levy funding and to an extent we are private as we don't get enough money.

New Business:

- Science Credit requirement for graduation
- Molly presented a letter to Chairman Dave for a signature, title of document is "Idaho Work Force Development Council to Seek Funding for the Youth Career Connect Program the the US Department of Labor" dated January 19, 2014.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 19th, 2014

Adjournment: -Note that Jim Z. had left at 8:37pm due to family commitments.

- a motion was made at 10:01pm by Rachel to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Corcoran and Will Mihin and all in favor.