

FMBCS Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 7pm

Type of Meeting: Monthly FMBCS School Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Rachel Schwam, Secretary

Board Members: Rachel Schwam, Will Mihin, Jim Zuberbuhler

School Representatives: Alan Millar, Mary Jensen and Jennifer Greve

School staff that attended: Audra Mearns, Gloria Henson, Julie Williams, IT Person.

Public: Bill Hertzberg, Stephen Fendos, Chris Warren, Robin Ruppert and Kate McAlister

Call to Order: by Rachel at 7:01pm. Immediately after calling the meeting, the board went into executive session until 7:17pm, as the board was making decision regarding petition for a basic diploma and early high school graduation.

New Business:

- After spending time reviewing the Idaho State Board of Education Division of Roles between Board and Charter Administration. There are areas that need to be addressed regarding our (the boards) responsibilities. (Rachel Schwam) Rachel went over her concerns regarding issues and brought up her concerns with the current board members. Rachel asked Jim Z. if he was on the P-Tech board, he stated yes, Rachel stated, that would be a direct conflict of interest as he should not be voting on anything to do with P-Tech as he is a board member of P-Tech as well. After Rachel made the board aware of her conflict of interest concern, she went onto addressing other concerns like the planning responsibility as the FMBCS is still accountable under the charter rewrite to the LPOSD #84 and she asked if the updates were given to the LPOSD every 6 months. Alan replied that he did last November and then Rachel requested copies of the submitted info going forward. Rachel then brought up the lack of communication between the board and the school staff as to when a policy or decision is made that how is the staff getting the information. With these concerns, Rachel stated that she would like to for the board to not make any decisions or vote until there was a qualified and educated board with a diverse background with experience and knowledge. Rachel stated, she will not be voting until there is a complete board. Jim Z., stated that was unusual, however she has her right to.

After the many comments were brought up, Rachel stated that we have lost a few board members, now is the time to review our board responsibilities on how to run and operate. The new board members must be prepared to work and ready to get involved. At this point, Rachel asked the potential Board Candidates that attended the board meeting to tell the board a little about themselves and their background. Kate McAlister was first up, followed by Robin Ruppert, Chris Warren, Bill Hertzberg and then Stephen Fendos. The candidates spoke about themselves and then Rachel explained the process that the board would be in touch with them and set up a meeting with the board members and then the board members would make their decisions. Rachel requested that they please write down their contact information before leaving the meeting.

Open Business:

-enrollment update for the 2014/2015 year – Audra gave an update that the target middle school enrollment count is 175 and Alan said the high school count is in the 185 range.

- anticipated number for graduating seniors- March stated that there were 39 high school seniors that are up for graduation and that graduation is June 7th and that Kate McAlister is the graduation speaker at a local church.

-LEA Progress and Charter Statement of Principles and Philosophy- since Molly was not at the meeting, Alan stated that the LEA is still in process and they are waiting for the final answer. Jim Z., read the resolution of the mission and vision of the FMBCS and then Will made a motion to adopt the resolution, Jim Z., seconded the motion, Rachel said, all in favor, Jim Z., and Will responded, "I". At this point, comments were raised by staff as to the early college access will open to door for some students to stay and some will leave as they may not be as motivated with that type of program. Alan, responded, yes and then Jim Z., stated that it is up to the student to make their own decision.

Expenditures: were email to the board members from Greta and Audra had extra copies at the board meeting to view, and Jim made a motion to accept the expenditure, Will seconded the motion, Rachel said, all in favor, and Jim Z., and Will responded, "I".

Minutes Approval:

- January's minutes were made a motion by Will, seconded by Jim, Rachel said, all in favor, Jim and I both said, "I". The minutes were not approved during the February meeting as there was not a quorum as only Dave Stevens & Rachel Schwam were present.

School Reports:

Mary Jensen (high school) – March started that she was working on a advisory curriculum before Fall 2014 and that they are making sure that the senior graduate on time. Mary stated that there are still a number of students taking dual enrollment classes and getting credit for both the high school requirement in addition to a college credit. Mary passed out the high school news letter for Spring 2014.

Jennifer Greve (middle school)- Jennifer gave updates on the Invent Idaho State Competition and the Trash Tree placed. Jennifer also spoke on the new I-SAT test for the middle school and that the trimester was ending. Together, she and Mary spoke about an intro to advisory class to help students find pathways in high school.

During the school reports, Audra spoke up and stated how wonderful it is for her niece to be able to take a college class as it is giving her the self esteem to be confident and just knowing she was able to take a college class and get credit. Audra spoke about the Compass test that the students take to see which classes they can be place in and how some may not pass it. Rachel asked, if students do take the compass test and pass it, do they receive credit for being able to pass. Julie Williams spoke up and said it is a matter that needs to go to the board as the FMBCS currently does not give credit for passing the compass test .Rachel commented that she would like to see this on the next board agenda as an alternative way for students to get extra credits.

Next Meeting Dates are: Wednesdays, April 16' May 21st and July 16, 2014 at 7pm in the High School. After the next meeting dates were announced, Rachel once again asked the board candidates to leave their contact information as the current board members will be in contact with them shortly.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.