



Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 5:00PM

Type of Meeting: Monthly FMBCS School Board Meeting
Meeting Facilitator: Jim Zuberbuhler
Board Members: Bill Hertzberg, Chris Warren, Jim Zuberbuhler, Kate McAlister, Robin Ruppert
Excused Board Member:
School Staff in Attendance: Alan Millar, Mary Jensen, Audra Mearns, Ryan Zimmerle, Jennifer Greve, Greta Warren, Kendra Russell
Excused School Staff:
Call to Order: 5:05 PM

Public Comment: None

Open Business:

KHAN Grant – Greta W.

- Greta Tracking budget – split between two schools, MS & HS
 - All Grant dollars used for Tech
 - KHAN – biannual report – waiting for KHAN approval for special spending

STE Tech Grant – Ryan Z.

- STE – July 1 \$317,515
 - Spent all but \$34K (Spare cash)
 - Implemented everything
 - Report due Jan 9th to Dept of Education
 - 40 laps tops – spares for breakage or class size change
 - Cannot fund personal computers
- One of the two schools in ID that is one to one tech
- The need for bandwidth in the school increases daily
- The Grant balanced to the penny
- A report to Legislative session re: STE will be sent

Policy 2550 Field Trips – Mary J.

- Policy rewrite – Need approval.
- Brought to the Board of Directors.
- BOD needs to read and discuss at next Meeting.
 - Motion that the Field Trip Policy be reviewed and presented to the BOD at next meeting made by Kate McAlister
 - 2nd by Chris Warren
 - Unanimously adopted

J.K. Update – Jennifer G.

- J.K, a middle school student, and his parent to be brought in front of the Board at 6P.M.

New Business:

Authorizer Agreement with the District – Alan M.

- Brought Agreement to LPOSD - They do not want to be an authorizer of our school
 - This decision was brought about by a verbal conversation with a non LPOSD Board member
- Alan M. was able to work out ideas worth pursuing authorizer with LPOSD
 - Year and a half relationship
 - Submitted Dec 9th.
 - Is there a common ground for the two schools to work together?
- REMINDER: We are a non-profit working as a Charter School
- There are three options that FBCS could lean to:
 - Authorizer – Allow a charter to come into being and to support it, i.e. LPOSD would support FBCS
 - Commission – Set up to authorize Charters (a 3-4 month process
 - Other (universities) – also act as authorizer

Mtg with LPOSD Superintendent re: Authorization – Mary J.

- LPOSD BOD looks to see what can happen in the next 18 months while working together
- Would be great to dispel the myths about the Charter School
- LPOSD kept coming back to “What’s in it for us?”
- Can an ADHOC group be set up to work on a future Authorizer?
 - Work together to come up with recommendations should LPOSD not proceed to be the school’s Authorizer
- Motion to approve bullets 1 & 2 of the Authorization letter made by Chris Warren
 - 2nd by Kate McAlister
 - Unanimously adopted
- ADHOC team to consist of Board members: Kate M., Chris W., Bill H. and school staff: Mary J. and Jennifer G.
 - Plan for ADHOC team is to explore which of the two choices would be best decision for the Charter: School, Authorizer, other or Commission.
 - To draft a work plan on how to proceed in the next 18 months with LPOSD
 - To reach out for data, matrix of Data, Position Statement for each entity.

Special Ed – Kendra Russell

- There are issues with the Platform went from Extent (old) to Enrich (new)
 - The school pays \$13 per student per year with a \$500 set up/training fee
 - There has lost data, glitches and old information that is not updating.
- Could research another option – looking at using Skyward (synchs with school master files)
- If the school is audited and found not to be in compliance, it is not the fault of the school. The new Enrich system is not working the way it should.
- Lots of manual work to get the school into compliance.

Bylaws – Jennifer Greve

- The School bylaws are 14 years old
 - Board will need to review and bring to the table at the next BOD mtg in February

- High School Math Teacher, Vickie Downing resigned. Looking for a new Math Teacher
 - Kristen H. will help out from the MS
 - Will look for a new teach from the new graduating classes

Rachel Shwarm's resignation

- Motion to accept Rachel Shwarm's resignation from the FBCS Board of Directors made by Kate McAlister
- 2nd by Robin Ruppert
- Unanimously approved

ACTION ITEM: Alan to write a thank you letter to Rachel for her time on the Board.

PTECH Update

- 2nd round of payments was made
- Moving rapidly for Budget 2015
 - 200 additional schools
 - Will need to have 2-5 new hires
- Nationally recognized at Washington D.C.
 - Acknowledged as an Early College High School
 - Other states are putting massive dollars to bring their schools up to where our school is presently
 - FBCS is a leading edge school for Early College
- Feb 10th – Alan will give a presentation about PTECH to the LPOSD Board

Expenditures (Financials):

- Title conferences coming up
- ID State Conf early part of the year
- Title 1 funds have been pulled down for use.
- REAP - \$36K – New paperwork to supplement areas.
- Alan would like to bring in the Auditors around February to have them review if the school is hitting their monthly marks – Do not want to be in the red at the end of the year.
- Motion to approve October/November Financials made by Chris Warren.
 - 2nd by Robin Ruppert
 - Unanimously approved

Minutes Approval:

- Motion to approve October's Minutes made by Chris Warren
- 2nd by Kate McAlister
- Unanimously approved

Operations / School Reports:

- School reports were sent out for review. There were no questions or concerns regarding the report

Open Discussion: Next meeting to be held February 17th, 5PM @ FBCS HS

Adjournment: 7:10 PM

- Motion for Adjournment made by Jim Z
- 2nd by Kate McAlister
- Unanimously approved