

Rocky Mountain Classical Academy
Board Meeting Minutes for Special Board of Directors Meeting held January 28, 2010 at
Pony Tracks Campus at 7:00 PM

Purpose of Meeting: Board of Directors meeting with all RMCA parents to define
direction and vision for remainder of 2009-2010 school year.

Meeting Called By: Board of Directors
Facilitator: Mr. Bryan Tate

Attendees: Kristin Geesey (KG), Brian Cullen (BC) Maryann Kephart (MK), Bryan Tate
(BT)

1.0 Call to order, Roll Call Bryan Tate - 7:09 PM

Roll Call	KG	Present
	MK	Present
	BC	Present
	SC	Absent - Excused
	BT	Present

2.0 Welcome and Pledge - Bryan Tate

3.0 State of the School Address - Bryan Tate

Mr. Tate stated that he wanted to deal with several topics in tonight's meeting - the
first being the spread of rumors. He addressed all of the rumors that he was aware by
stating the truth about each situation as follows:

We are not shutting the school down.

We are going to remain two separate campuses with two separate administrators,
Kelly Taylor is not going to run both schools.

Our Middle School and High School will remain at the Pony Tracks campus

Mr. O'Connell is no longer the principal at the Pony Tracks Campus.

The Individual members of the board were introduced and each gave a short
background of their time with RMCA.

Mr. Bryan Tate - served in the Air Force, then Law Enforcement, currently as a
Business Finance consultant. He has worked at RMCA on the Athletic booster club
before being appointed to the board at the January 2010 meeting to fill the seat
that was left open when Eric Sova resigned in December 2009. He has a son in

9th grade, a son in 6th grade and a daughter in 2nd grade. He serves as the board president

Mr. Brian Cullen - served in the Air Force and now works for Lockheed Martin. He has a son in 10th grade at RMCA and a daughter in 5th grade. He has been at RMCA since its inception four years ago. He was elected to the board in October of 2009.

Mrs. Maryann Kephart - has been at RMCA for three years. She was originally appointed to the board to fill a vacant seat early in 2009 and then ran for election in October 2009. She has four children at RMCA.

Mrs. Kristin Geesey - has been at RMCA for four years. She has two daughters at the Pony Tracks campus. She works for District 49 Special Services department and was appointed to the board in July 2008 and then was elected to the board in October 2009. She serves as the secretary/treasurer of the board

Dr. Scott Cathey is unable to attend tonight's meeting. He serves as vice president of the board. He was elected to the board in October 2008 and has three children at RMCA.

Then Mr. Tate introduced Kelly Taylor, principal of the Elementary school. She began her career at RMCA as a 4th grade teacher. She served two years as a teacher before becoming the principal of the Piros campus. She believes in the Philosophy of RMCA and wants to encourage outstanding academics, and a family environment.

The Pony Tracks campus is currently using a team of administrators. Each of the team members were introduced as follows:

Peter Gordon - Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. He brings 14 years of experience from a private school in California and two years at Monument Academy. He has spearheaded the building of our sports program and is passionate about creating team activities, and group building. He wants to see the Pony Tracks Campus develop more "together activities"

Ken Krause - Administrative support. He brings Leadership and management skills. He is a volunteer, having served RMCA as a full time volunteer for the previous three years. He has 22 years of experience in the Air Force as well as experience in the private business sector as well. He stated that the best job he has had in 41 years is working at RMCA.

Debbie Womack - Interim Principal. She has a degree in English with a minor in Theatre. She has taught English at RMCA for two years and has 17 years of experience as an educational consultant. She developed curriculum for Peer Mentoring and Peer Mediation Programs in Texas and has implemented these programs at RMCA this year. She stated that she has tremendous support from

everyone at RMCA and believes that the students are the dream of our school. She wants to develop a sense of ownership in our students - they need to understand that they are the school.

The next topic is the current state of the school. Mr Tate stated that four years ago when RMCA opened its doors the founding board had a vision. Without the founders we would not have RMCA today.

Today we are looking forward - not back.

Tough decisions have had to have been made. The Middle School/High School Leadership change was made to take RMCA to the next level.

The board is looking at how to better equip our teachers. District 49 is very supportive of this goal.

The board has been faced with making further personnel cuts. Financially we are tight. We are looking to close the books on 2009-2010 very close to even. Which positions us for a surplus in 2010-2011.

The board is planning accordingly to survive funding recessions.

We have a waiting list at both campuses and are adding 11th grade next year.

We are looking both at short term and long term plans.
working with D49 forming relationships
working with SRBC

Athletic booster is having a golf tournament to raise money for athletics.

Teacher enthusiasm and support is great - several have brought extra talents to the table helping fill some of the gaps left from our personnel cuts.

Mr. Tate challenged RMCA parents to bring their talents too. What can you bring to the table? We need to see ownership in the parents as well as the students.

The RMCA board of directors will continue to have parent meetings and town hall type meetings quarterly. The parents need a strong voice in the school.

Mr. Tate then opened the floor to questions -

Several parents voiced concerns regarding our Pony Tracks campus facility and especially science labs. The board is looking at all options to insure that our students have excellent instruction in all our subjects.

No further questions were raised, and the board voted to adjourn

4.0 Adjournment 8:32 PM