

Rocky Mountain Classical Academy
Board Meeting Minutes for Regular Board of Directors Meeting held April 8, 2010 at
Piros Campus, 6:30 PM

Meeting Called By: Board of Directors
Facilitator: Bryan Tate

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

1.0 Call to order, Roll Call Bryan Tate 6:40 PM

Roll Call	KG	Present
	MK	Present
	BC	Present
	SC	Present
	BT	Present

2.0 Welcome and Pledge - Bryan Tate

3.0 Approval of Agenda

Need to add Items 7.08 and 7.09

Motion to approve change 1st - KG, 2nd BC

Roll Call	KG	Yes
	MK	Yes
	BC	Yes
	SC	Yes
	BT	Yes

Motion to approve agenda

Roll Call	KG	Yes
	MK	Yes
	BC	Yes
	SC	Yes

4.00 Comments - Agenda Specific

None

5.00 Consent Agenda

5.01 Acceptance and Approval of Meeting Minutes for 3/5/10 and 3/11/10

MK pointed out an error on the 3/11/10 minutes - KG will correct and resubmit at a later meeting for approval

Motion to approve 3/5/10 minutes - MK 1st, SC 2nd

Motion to approve 3/5/10 Minutes

Roll Call	KG	Yes
	MK	Yes
	BC	Yes
	SC	Yes
	BT	Yes

5.02 Acceptance and Approval of Principal Report - Piros Campus
Document available in board packet

Motion to approve SC 1st, BC 2nd

Roll Call	KG	Yes
	MK	Yes
	BC	Yes
	SC	Yes
	BT	Yes

5.03 Acceptance and Approval of Principal Report - Pony Tracks Campus
Document available in board packet

Motion to approve all but Attachment B and Recommendation to the Board
May need to call a special session of the board to approve these items

Motion to approve as stated above, MK 1st, BC 2nd

Roll Call	KG	Yes
	MK	Yes
	BC	Yes
	SC	Yes
	BT	Yes

5.04 Acceptance and Approval of Home School Report
Document available in board packet

Motion to approve - MK 1st, SC 2nd

Roll Call	KG	Yes
	MK	Yes

BC Yes
SC Yes
BT Yes

5.05 Acceptance and Approval of Business Manager Report
Document available in board packet

Motion to approve BC 1st, MK 2nd

Roll Call KG Yes
 MK Yes
 BC Yes
 SC Yes
 BT Yes

5.06 Acceptance and Approval of Student Council Report
Document available in board packet

Motion to approve MK 1st, BC 2nd

Roll Call KG Yes
 MK Yes
 BC Yes
 SC Yes
 BT Yes

6.00 Information Items

6.01 2008-2009 Audit Package Presentation - Wendy Swanhorst

Much of the information in the audit could not be verified due to poorly kept financial records.

RMCA receives a qualified opinion because of poor records and three years of operating losses.

Ms. Swanhorst recommends that RMCA get a functioning accounting system in place before the end of the current Fiscal Year.

A hard copy of the audit was handed out to each member of the board of directors.

7.00 New and Ongoing Business

7.01 Current and Prospective Committee Review - Bryan Tate

Mr. Tate stated we need more parents and teacher serving on committees. He will investigate and bring the RMCA board a report on which committees are in place, who is on them and what they have been charged with. He will also report on what committees need to be formed and filled. No specific date for this report was set.

7.02 Changes to 2010-2011 Year Calendar - Kelly Taylor

Mrs. Taylor suggested we move the 4 day weekend from 10/8/10 - 10/11/10 to 10/9/10 - 10/12/10.

Also suggested we move the Staff inservice on 4/22/11 to 4/29/11.

Mrs Womack suggested we schedule 4/22/11 (Good Friday) as a school holiday and move the inservice day to 4/25/11

RMCA has 1171 contact hours scheduled. CDE requires 968 for Elementary Students and 1056 for Secondary Students. The additional day does not put us in jeopardy of not meeting our required hours.

Motion to approve changes in calendar - KG 1st, MK 2nd

Roll Call	KG	Yes
	MK	Yes
	BC	Yes
	SC	Yes
	BT	Yes

7.03 Changes in Personnel Policy (Accruing days and double docking) - Kelly Taylor

Currently Staff receives 8 personal days and may carry over 2 day to the next year. Proposing that we allow staff to roll over unused days to a maximum of 20 over the course of 3 years.

Could use stipulations.

Extended vacations must be pre approved
Kelly will research other charter school policies.

Double Docking - currently any day taken before or after a weekend is double docked. If a teacher takes off a Friday afternoon, they are docked for the whole day. If an employee takes a day within the last 2 weeks of the end of the year they are double docked.

The current policy is seen as punitive by staff and administration.

Would like to revise this policy to remove punishment.

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Womack will work together to rewrite the policy and will report at a later date with the new version.

7.05 Expansion of Staff to Accommodate Growth at MS/HS Campus - Debbie Womack

Tabled until further notice

7.06 Literacy Committee - New Curriculum Proposal - Kelly Taylor

Mrs. Taylor wishes to recommend a new literacy program to be used at the elementary campus called "Treasures"

The books are smaller and are aligned with new Colorado State Standards

Books are available to review.

This curriculum integrates all of what Open Court, Riggs, Shirley Grammar does including Rtl.

Incorporates all styles of reading and writing, teaches spelling.

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Currently the staff is making a lot of copies to accommodate the of workbooks. This would eliminate many copies.

Estimated cost of K-5 purchase would be approximately \$90K

Julie Hall stated it would fit Rtl process perfectly into the classroom

The same authors of this curriculum also are responsible for CSAP.

Treasures incorporates rich literature which is easily integrated with Core Knowledge.

Bryan Tate requested that a rep for Treasures present to the Board at a regular meeting.

Mr. Tate asked the committee "What does this curriculum do to a teachers day?"

Initial answer was it greatly decreases the amount of planning time required.

Mr. Tate asked that the teachers report at the next meeting.

7.07 Request for Proposal - Charter School Management - Bryan Tate

How do we grow from here? Mr. Tate would like to investigate price and services available to charter schools.

Motion to approve Bryan Tate to investigate charter school management companies - MK 1st, SC 2nd

Roll Call	KG	Yes
	MK	Yes
	BC	Yes
	SC	Yes
	BT	Yes

Mr. Tate will report on the RFP Process at the next meeting.

7.08 Posting of Principal Position at Pony Tracks Campus - Kristin Geesey

Kristin Geesey would like to post the Principal position on Core Knowledge, Colorado League of Charter Schools, National League of Charter Schools and other websites as possible (check with D49 and CASE)

A summary of the position with a link to the RMCACS.org site will be posted on outside sites.

Motion to post with link to details at RMCACS.org MK 1st, SC 2nd

Roll Call	KG	Yes
	MK	Yes
	BC	Yes
	SC	Yes
	BT	Yes

7.09 Safety concern at Piros Campus - Kristin Geesey

The board would like Mrs. Taylor to work with Mr. Butts to remove a safety hazard at the Piros campus. The outdoor HVAC units that are on the sides of building B are a potential hazard as children will bump into them during recess.

Mrs. Taylor stated she will direct that Mr. Butts mitigate this hazard immediately.

8.00 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn MK 1st, BT 2nd

Roll Call	KG	Yes
	MK	Yes
	BC	Yes
	SC	Yes

BT Yes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM