

October 24, 2019
Vermilion Country School Board Meeting

Present:

Marit Kringstad, Paula Herbranson, Dick Larmouth, Jodi Summit, Karin Schmidt (late, in a meeting until 4:09 p.m.), Kristin Krings (4:10 p.m.)

Also present: Frank Zobitz

Motion to approve the agenda by Marit, second by Dick- all yes

Consent agenda- approval of minutes from Sept. 26- Motion by Paula, second by Dick- all yes

4.1 Saving account: Business manager Pam Zahn recommended we transfer some of our account balance into a savings account, so it can earn some interest.

Motion to approve by Paula, second by Marit- all yes

4.2 Designate School Administrator and Business Manager as ex-officio board members. Motion by Dick, second by Paula- all yes

4.3 Off campus request- Give school admin/staff authority to set policy, will still require a signed permission slip by parents. Frank noted this also gives students a chance to walk outdoors during the school day. Teacher and parent board members all are in favor. Karin noted students have been respectful of this policy.

Motion to give the school admin and teachers the authority to set the off-campus during lunch policy. Motion by Karin, second by Dick- all yes

4.4 Handicap entrance/parking lot to sidewalk not level- Frank- the school entrance needs work to make it safer, also need to look at automatic handicap-accessible door.

Motion to have Frank discuss this issue with the city to bring the entrance up to code- Motion by Marit, second by Kristin- all yes

4.5 Annual report

Motion to approve the annual report, with note that final edits still to be made, by Karin, second by Dick- all yes. Report is due on Nov. 1

5.1 Board training

FERPA AND HIPPA annual review

Student data – overview of what is protected and what is public data

Need to be careful when discussing specific student information

6.1 Financial report

Frank met with Pam Zahn

Will get full financial report for September in a few days (Zahn had computer issues)

Frank stressed to Zahn that the reporting needs to be brought up to standards asap.

Need to properly account for Blandin grant purchases in the budget (all items will be reimbursed)

Will approve September financials at our next meeting.

7.1 Board report from Frank Zobitz

Update on a disciplinary issue. Enrolled three new students, one student dropped.

New smartboard are installed- a lot excitement

New piano lab is being set up

Computer lab is being set up

Staff is continuing to work on site cleanup

Friends of VCS will pay someone to help with a dump run

Environmental Ed- students created 3-D biome dioramas and did presentations of them. They all did a nice job. We did a Bioblitz with Mike Joint and Mary Shedd, took groups outdoors to identify trees, plants, animals, fungi on our property. Also did two community service days (highway pickup, potters field, school library, greenhouse work, assembled new pianos, made candles to sell at craft show). Choir sang at bingo last month.

Karin- Heidi Favet, community mental health worker, gave a presentation to staff and will help connect staff to area agencies to help our students. Staff would like to sponsor a mental health resource day for students and the community with her help.

Frank- Staff is having discussion on mental health and other needs of our students. School laundry, school clothes closet, Ely Stop and Shop will offer vouchers to purchase clothing.

Karin reported on beginning of year testing. Students have all be placed into ability groups. NWEA testing is completed, including the new students, ADSIS underway for students below grade level for math and/or language arts. Special education staff doing well.

Audubon goals for last school year update

Karin- need to finish updating that data into the annual report, it's close to being completed

Next meeting is Nov. 21, 4pm

Motion to adjourn at 5:12 p.m. by Marit- all yes