

Ridgeview Classical Schools
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Date: 12-14-2006

Present: Dr. Moore, Kim Miller, Peggy Schunk, Laurel Van Maren, Patrick Quadrel, Chelli Purcell, Dom Carpine,

Absent: None

At (Minutes) – Director Schunk moved to go into Executive Session. “The Board went into executive session concerning _____ [description of topic, e.g. “personnel matter”] as authorized by Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 24-6-402(4)()[fill in proper letter number].”

Director Purcell seconded the motion.

Those voting AYE: All

Those voting NO: None

Motion passed 5-0

Pursuant to C.S.R., 24-6-402(4)(), the Board voted to meet in executive session for discussion of. . .

Executive Session adjourned at

Regular Business Meeting

Present: Dr. Moore, Kim Miller, Peggy Schunk, Laurel Van Maren, Patrick Quadrel, Chelli Purcell, Dom Carpine,

Absent: None

1.0 Call to Order

President Kim Miller called the regular business meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Adoption of Agenda

Give AAC more time for (10 min.).

Moved by P. Schunk; second P. Quadrel

Minutes adopted as ammended:

Motion by Chelli; seconded by Peggy

The voting was as follows:

Those voting AYE: All

Those voting NO: None

Absent: None

Motion passed 5-0

The Board voted to adopt the agenda as ammended.

5. **Old Business**

D. Facility Discussion

1. Addition

1. ground coverage area & \$ Allocation

Dom discussed bid which was about \$126,950.

Peggy moved to accept this bid and get it done with.

Peggy moved, Kim seconded.

Patrick-no

Chelli-no

Laurel-no

Kim-yes

Peggy-yes

Patrick moved that we take the pellet product for \$80K with a \$46K net cost as far as the sidewalk.

Laurel seconded.

Patrick-yes

Chelli-no

Laurel-yes

Kim-no

Peggy-no

Kim moved for grass and a sprinkler system in the spring = died for lack of second.

Chellie moved that we take the original motion and go across the sidewalk with the cheaper material.

Died for lack of second.

Peggy moved that we accept the bid and get it done and pay \$126K and ask fundraising to help pay for this for the elementary kids.

Laurel seconded

Patrick – no

Chelli- yes

Kim – no

Peggy – yes

Laurel – no

Mrs. Sharp mentioned that we could cut the cost of having good and cheaper together.

Peggy moved that we separate the soccer field from the play area and split the cost like Amy discussed.

Patrick moved that we table the motion.

2. CW

Little Bears child care has rented CW for \$10 per square foot.

3. Locks/Keys

Cost close to ten grand so we can get to lock down. Fire Marshall says we are violating the fire code by locking down the PAC. PAC locks down from outside but students can still get out of it from the inside. Money saved for facility currently in GF 20-20

Double doors from PAC to elementary hallway is a hindrance and they will be removed and we will add a wall.

Master keys that students have....there are three sets out but there has been no trouble related to this other than one incident. Changed the lock cylinders on the admin doors, and the keys need to be checked out from DC daily. This makes Dom's day from 6 am to 6 pm. Idea of having a drop box discussed. Needs to be an adult, but not necessarily need to be Dom.

Patrick brought up issue of students unsupervised here in the morning and after school. Needs to be on the agenda for January. Peggy recommended gates.

4. Christmas Remodel

Change all the locks, remove the old carpet and add new, prep stage, wiring of resource room, remodel front office, get new desks in new building and make sure new wings are moved into. Lock guys gave up after an injury related to being smacked in the face by a child with a door.

Wait till the summer to do the remodel?? Plywood blocks the lights. Recommend to move front office remodel for Spring Break. A lot to get done in the little time with the issue of coordinating contractors. Tear wall out and cut out where glass window is going to go?

Carpet, stage, new wing, resource room are the priorities-Dom.

Front office remodel costs includes resource room are: \$3200 for window holes; \$2900 for doors; \$1721 for electrical for resource room and this all comes out of the interior remodel budget.

Fence Bids: \$1240 for gates for stairwells. \$1400 for black chain link fence with a gate on off the parking lot at the corner. Fence for around the front on the corner of Lemay and Stuart. Passed around products from company – outside the trees option #1 costs \$5787; \$6603; \$5637...other numbers were bandied about. Chose Number 1 with three rail - \$6603, riveted option.

Peggy moved to choose option above, Kim seconded.

All in favor.

5. Nurse's Office Cots

Can now afford better cots that will accommodate larger kids....two with storage underneath. Allocated up to \$1000.

Peggy moved and Patrick seconded

All in favor.

E. Review Action Items

6. Community comments – 3 min per person

Discussion of color copier...develop some rules and give a budget to each teacher to use the CC. Will have to undergo training to use this machine. If we allocate the \$ it will come out of student instructional.

PS moved to give each teacher \$100 worth to use the machine for their own purposes without prior approval... Chelli seconded – all in favor.

For outside entities there would be a \$20 set up fee, etc.....start up charters can use this and will pay us.

PS motioned to let new charters with no facility to use color copier for \$20 set up fee plus cost of copies. Chelli seconded.

Patrick – no

Laurel abstains

Peggy/Kim/Chelli - Aye

7. New Business

A. Policies Third and Final Reading- Policy Revision

1. Policy E-8.11 Professional Development Reimbursement

Add 's' to “it” in bold sentence Email form to every committee and faculty so they can format their requests this way.

2. Policy E 7.15 Use of Internet and Email, Personal Technology Hardware and Software

Accept changes.

3. Policy DR-5.02 Parent Communications to Administration, Faculty, and Staff

Nothing in the hand book referring to the chain of command. Need to change this to add chain of command in handbook so that this policy is clarified. Dr. Moore will do this and get it added to the handbook.

PS moved to adopt all three policies with corrections.
All in favor.

B. Second Readings – Revision/Review

1. None/Note Policy F-1.05 Board Candidate Qualifications Revised/Adopted per PSD Demand 11-16-2006

Check one last time before sending it to the district.

C. 1st reading – Revision/Review

Policy AP 6.0 Reporting

Discussed eliminating the C- reports home after initiation of computerized system. Board still wants to do these. Can be set up to email you a report when you set your threshold. When mistake occurs, it also send out a correction of the mistake.

PS moved to keep sending out the C- reports until the end of this school year.

Laurel seconded.

Do we want to allow parents to have an option of electing for hard copy over electronic?

Laurel called the question/Patrick seconded.

Patrick-no

Chelli-yes

Kim-no

Peggy-yes

Laurel-yes

C- reports will continue till the end of the year.

This will go in the parent teacher handbook. No change for the policy until May/June.

Moved to change the policy so paper C- reports will go away for Autumn 2007 – Peggy.

Patrick seconded.

P-Y

C-Y

K-Y
P-Y
L-Y

8. Consent Agenda – vote on confidential/personnel items

9. Discussion:

1. Graduation Requirements related to Earth/Envir. Sci.

PS....Are they equal and you could take one or the other? One semester of Env. Sci was one semester of Earth Sci. Take one semester or the other. (If they have already taken or will take 30 credits of other science). No exceptions to this necessary.

Earth Science requirement – do we want to keep it? It was an issue for the charter. PSD does not have this requirement. Is there a state requirement. Mr. Morse – there is a state requirement in state standards that says what students are supposed to know....9-12. No credit standard tied to it, just content. How much of a course would be required to cover these standards? Not necessary to have a course, but could have a proficiency course.

Ask Dr. Moore to investigate a proficiency course for these standards, and if this is a direction we want to take and report back for the January board meeting. Environmental Science will count for Earth Science. 1 semester (5 credits) of Environmental Science/ Earth Science is sufficient for all students if they have 30 other science credits.

Many universities are asking for 40 credits of math. not many of our kids don't have this anyway, but do we need to reevaluate the requirements here to 40 credits of math.

Mr. Luce – students who go through high school with no math at all. Asked to discuss this with Dr. Moore and bring it back to the board in January.

Homework for seniors – seems to be in just two classes. Spoken to both of those teachers. Adjustments have been made and next year we will be better. Agreed to do this for a year. In case of JR – 5 credits of Environmental science is OK. and will reevaluate at the end of the year.

2. Next year Christmas Party

December or January party? At someone's home or at a commercial site?

Peggy moved to have it in December, and set into the Board calendar. Died for a lack of second?

Peggy moved to have it at someone's home and catered. No second...random comments....discussion to add another motion about the budget.

Peggy moved that we stay under \$5K for party alone. Died for lack of second. (We spent \$1350 for faculty gifts, \$1500 on food, \$500 on decorations, \$200 set up and break-down, etc. About \$4k for all.)

Patrick moved to have it all inclusive and keep it under \$5K.

Chelli-yes

Kim-yes

Peggy-no

Laurel-yes

Location – Peggy moved to have it at a home with catering. Kim seconded.

Patrick-abstained

Laurel-No

Chelli-yes

Kim -yes

Peggy-yes

Motion to have it before Christmas break by Peggy. Patrick seconded.

Patrick-No

Chelli-abstain

Kim - no

Peggy – yes

Laurel- no

Peggy moved to have it at her house next December with catering.

P-Y

C-Y

K-Ab

P-Y

L-no

Kim moved to ask teachers for their top three stores of the scrip list so their gift is somewhat of a surprise.

Pick date as Friday before Christmas break...which would be the 14th of December, 2007 next year.

END OF YEAR PARTY – Tuesday, 29th of May, at Amie Sharp's house, catered. With teacher's not excused until Wednesday.

3. Communication of Policy Changes to Faculty

Every third reading of a policy that is new should be emailed to the teachers as an attachment that week.

4. Other

Online homework....should this be required when we don't have all kids online, etc. Can be helpful because of immediate feedback (like in Mr. Morse's physics class). Give

access to computer lab to students who can't get access at home. Can the work be provided to students, hard copy, so they don't have to figure out how to get to the library or CSU.

5. Reports

A. President - \$230 check from outdoor promotions (bus stop folks). Put money in 6th grade eco-week fund. PS moved to do so, PQ seconded – all in favor.

Special ed teachers need professional certification. PSD won't let us do it through them.

CLCS – more stupidity from Denver. Stuff on the table that is bad for charters and focused on public school models. May not join next year.

Mr. Yu and KM went to math symposium in Estes. EP did 90 minute math blocks to raise their scores. Scaled back to 45. Ten minutes a day used to do CSAP prep, so it was about CSAP prep and not math.

Heidi – went to Asperger's and high functioning autism conference. Very good. Mrs. Pait also went along with Dom. Taking some faculty to Courage to Risk and one regular staff member wants to go as well as the SS dept.

B. Vice President/Secretary – volunteer dry cleaning for music related costumes, etc. Just want a little ad in our programs (5 X a year for tux's and 2 a year for Madrigal costumes). This deal brokered by an anonymous volunteer at RCS.

C. Treasurer – reviewed the bank, discussed with President, looks fine. Attended art field trip of upper school elective art class and feel we are under-investing in our visual arts program. Our kids can read but the other part of their brain isn't developed to understand this. They read a piece of art because it had words on it, but they didn't even really connect with the rest of the art. Kids have over-emphasis on one side of learning (in visual arts at least). So they aren't trained in how to understand and look at art. So let's can earth science and add an art requirement (ed. comment).

D. Member - none

E. Member –

F. Principal – Second year in a row RCS best high school in the state based on SAR test scores . reporter called about this and Tim Smith came to let us know that he was trying to get a hold of us. May be an article soon. 4 national merit scholars this year. new PSAT came out and we might have 4 or 5 next year and a number of commended students, several overseas students. Three students in the sophomore class.

Curriculum: ELECTIVES- math, 2 art electives, econ?, Asian history, moral phil. 3, moral phil. 2, keyboarding, java programming, required lunch study hall....called lunch detention 5th and 6th period, 30 minutes.

\$8K per student for PSD.

G. Assistant Principal – Support certificate from Girl Scouts. MSWALK gave us a really nice plaque of appreciation and a \$250 check. PS moved to put it in the academic fund. CP seconded. KM-yes, PQ-no, LV-abstain. Y O of the R flyer. College AP training. . . professional development.

H. Teachers

I. Business – Finalized October count, PSD was off by a half student. RCS had a technical error and we lost whatever it was Kim said. 663 instead of 665 is being paid to us. Maybe the auditors will fix it in the mix. Financing is effected by this, sadly. Expense to budget – spent out our bond money. Paid Heath all our bond money and will have to dip into other monies. Patrick said things I didn't understand about money, funding, building leases, etc. Patrick says we are way over budget in our operating budget (I get what that means). OK....maybe not after all. Need to do budgeting in January. PQ and KM the budget committee.

J. Fundraising - music came up with idea to sell coffee. sold a lot after concert and made about \$750 gross. Proceeds go to support RCS....want to make better labels for the school. Would like to be able to sell it through the scrip program. Chelli said fine.....will bring label to advertizing and DM for approval,

K. Accountability – Brian passed out proposed surveys. Made minor changes, like removed the books question. Does the board want it back in? KM says yes. A few questions need to be added. Need to add the question of whether the parent has ever observed the teacher teaching after the comment section on teacher. Also break out the 7-8 and 9-12 somehow so feedback can get to right sources instead of more general as is now. #28 – On average, how many minutes of homework does your child receive? Revise lower block for High school and middle schools. Will send out by email....may try to put time in during January 4th work session. NO GRIEVANCES so far this year.

L. Sports – Director is resigning at end of year. Takes too much time to attend meetings and organize. The girls basket ball season and madrigals conflict every year. In the past Riffenburg was rented for basket ball because Madrigals needed the gym. Who should pay for the rental of an alternate gym? School should because they are being kicked out of the gym for the madrigals. Policy is that we don't pay for such things – athletic fees need to pay for such things. (Kicked out for 2 weeks and have to pay to go somewhere else).

M. Committees

Business Continued

A. RCS Finances-Exp. to Budget

**See above.

B. Enrollment/Lottery update – 2006-2007

slow in December. People are leaving and we lose the money and coming and we don't get money for them. Up 2 students for Nov, but it will be down hill from here. Need to make sure we know why some kids are leaving. Losing more over the break in both upper and lower.

C. Info Meetings – Update

See above.

D. Policy Violations/ Communications – Report

Letter about non-payment of fees got a small amount of response. We are at 12% free and reduced.

E. Volunteer Hours - PQ – 20 hours / PS – 95 hours

10. Community Comments – 3 min per person

11. Executive Session (2/3 votes required)

PQ moved to go into exec. session. Laurel seconds. All in favor.

Return to TURF issue.

Good turf up to sidewalk....never mind.

Dirt is not an option. if we do nothing then grass and sprinklers is default.

Everyone discussed their issues.

Peggy moved to use the long grass (\$128,000). Patrick seconded.

All in favor.

12. Open Session if action needed

1. Confidential Personnel Actions

13. Meeting adjourn

Peggy Schunk moved to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Mrs. Van Maren seconds. Motion passed unopposed.