



MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MVCS Board of Directors

Monday, October 28, 2019

MVCS Classroom C

5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Dan Baker, at 5:32 PM

Board Members Present: Dan Baker, Ben Linstid, George Rau, Margo Seagren, Carolyn Lenderman, Martha Brabaek, and Nathan Brantley

Administration/Staff Present: Assistant Director Kami Costello, Business Manager Julie Hoge, and Director Laurajean Downs

Guests: Academic Advisor Alison Arcand, Rory Davison, Riley Davison, Sarah McElroy, Reigan Sander, Chance Miller, Indica Dobbins, GT (Gifted/Talented) Advisor Tammy Erickson-Piper, and student family members

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

EDU 200 on the agenda was changed to EDU 150. EDU 200 will be reviewed at a later date. The agenda was approved with this change.

COMMUNICATIONS:

GT Advisor Tammy Erickson-Piper presented the following students who demonstrated their projects/learning experiences after receiving last year's GT student grant: Rory Davison (10), Riley Davison (6), Sarah McElroy (11), Reigan Sander (9), Chance Miller (10), and Indica Dobbins (7). Students may apply for next year's grant until November 22.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:

The following Consent Action Items were approved as recommended:

Minutes – the minutes of the August 26, regular meeting, were approved after a spelling correction of Braebeck to Brabaek.

Financials – the August and September financial statements were approved as presented.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:

Director Laurajean Downs presented the following information:

- Parent Teacher conferences went well.

- MVCS has started publicizing the Building Development Committee by asking parents and students for an interest form if they want to participate. Final numbers will be given at a later date.
- Attendance audit is complete and funds may need to be returned for approximately four students for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Parent Workshops are getting off the ground. Attendance is currently low, but the school anticipates the program building over time. One of the workshops is a book club around the book *The Together Teacher*. The Academic Advisors are also utilizing this book and discussing it during meeting times.
- The Library Committee is working on plans for the build-out of the current Ninja room. District 51 has approved Blythe to begin working on plans and FCI construction to provide an estimate.
- Classroom and advisor observations are currently in process as part of the required evaluation cycle for the year.
- MVCS is currently addressing schooling situations with families who are struggling with the program.

School performance ratings provided by the Colorado Department of Education were discussed showing the positive growth in the last year.

Brian Bensley (previous owner of the current building) has given his notice that he will be vacating the building during the month of November. The administration has begun the process of developing plans to utilize that space.

Assistant Kami Costello presented the following policy updates for discussion:

- EDU 150 will be brought to the Board in November for a first reading after the members have an opportunity to read through the policy.

Business/HR Manager Julie Hoge presented the following for approval:

- The 2018-2019 financial audit has been completed and passed with a clean report. The Board was asked to approve the final audit findings at this time. Moved by Margo Seagren and supported by Martha Brabaek.

OTHER MATTERS/ADJOURNMENT:

The Board will have a training session with a member of the Colorado League of Charter Schools on Friday, November 1, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, at 5:30 PM.

Margo Seagren moved to adjourn at 8:02 PM. Supported by Nathan Brantley.