

Mesa Valley Vision Home & Community Program

Board of Stewards

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2011

Date: 04/21/11	Facilitator: Kim Howard	Recorder: Susan Scofield	Meeting Locale: 9 th & Ute, Grand Junction, CO	Start Time: 6:30 pm	End Time: 8:30 pm
Board Members Present: Jennifer Prieto, Alan Espinoza, Brenda Nordstrom, Ron Roybal, Kim Howard			Others Present: Tammy Erickson-Piper, Zoe Grimes, Jill Hatten, Laurajean Downs, Tom Atkinson, Susan Scofield		

Mesa Valley Vision Home & Community Program Mission

To create opportunity for learners to pursue a unique, comprehensive, individualized learning program supported by the district, private resources, technology and a learning community that includes family members, mentors and qualified resource consultants.

Executive Session (5:30 pm – 6:30 pm)

- Personnel Matter
- Contract Matter

Public Participation Segment

Agenda Item	Targeted Time	Item Point Person	Action	Actual Time	Final Outcome
Visitor Introductions	5 min	Kim Howard	Kim introduced Zoe Grimes who is visiting tonight's meeting as a prospective board member.	5 mins	
February Minutes	5 mins	Susan Scofield	Susan requested that the BOS adopt the minutes from the February regular meeting, which she had sent via e-mail earlier.	5 mins	Brenda motioned that the minutes be accepted. Ron seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the BOS voted unanimously to accept the February minutes.

2011-12 Enrollment	15 mins	Susan Scofield	Our waitlist currently has 116 learners. The staff has some thoughts to share on setting our enrollment for next year and would then like to ask that the Board set the enrollment number. Once a target is set, our staff will begin scheduling enrollment consultations.	20 mins	Susan and Jill explained that the wait list currently contains 115+ learners. They talked about the pros and cons of increasing enrollment to accommodate all those on the list. While our administrative level is solid enough to handle additional capacity, we'd have to hire 3-5 resource consultants. CSAP is the biggest consideration, as having a class that is 30+ affects how we will accomplish CSAP in an off-site location. The staff's recommendation was that we do not leave learners unserved and strive to meet the demand. Jennifer motioned for a vote, Alan seconded. The board voted unanimously to set a "soft cap" of 350 learners for the 2011-12 school year, to be revisited at the July, 2011 regular meeting.
Verizon Grant	5 mins	Alan Espinoza	Usage of Verizon Grant dollars - \$750.00	5 mins	Susan asked the board how they would like to use the Verizon Grant dollars that had been awarded in the spring. After some discussion, the BOS agreed to make these dollars available to seniors taking Mesa State classes. It will be awarded through an essay contest which will be conducted in the fall. Laurajean will work on the details of the essay contest and oversee it.
Internet Safety Curriculum	10 mins	Tammy Erickson-Piper/Candace Jahnke	It has come to our attention that C.R.S. 22-87-102 (2) requires publically funded schools to offer curriculum on Internet Safety. The staff plans to seek out internet safety options and present them to be adopted into MVV-HCP's curriculum for the 2011-12 school year.	10 mins	The BOS asked the staff to review the statute and investigate having the VILP editor in the Paragon system hard-wired to include an internet safety drop-down menu item for the appropriate grade levels. They also asked that the staff make internet safety curriculum available per the statute.
Financial Update	10 mins	Tom Atkinson	Tom will provide a financial update for the period ending 4/21/11. A hand out is provided. Sibling funding – this issue was decided upon at the February meeting with the intention of revisiting it at	15 mins	Tom explained that as of today's date, learner funding was at 77%. He expected that number to escalate rapidly in the next four weeks. He asked the BOS if they would allow unused funding to be utilized

			the April meeting.		by a sibling within the same family, as a decision is typically made every spring by the BOS. The board agreed unanimously that it would not be allowed this year considering the state's financial crisis which has affected the school's funding this year. The BOS stated they would revisit the matter at their May meeting.
Director's Report	10	Susan Scofield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT & NWEA • 2011-12 Budget • Superintendent's Scholars Luncheon • Open House • High School Common Practices Book • May Guidebook Updates • Year-end • Highly Qualified Core Subject Appraisals 		Susan gave the Board an update on all the agenda items, and submitted a draft 2011-12 budget for their review. The draft budget will be due to the District toward the end of May.
Graduation Ceremony Commencement Address	10 mins	Susan Scofield	Overview of Graduation Ceremony on May 18, 2011 and discussion of Commencement Address ideas.	5 mins	The staff is a bit stumped for a commencement address speaker for the upcoming graduation ceremony and asked the meeting attendees for suggestions. No decision on a commencement speaker was made.
Staff Member Children Enrollment	5 mins	Jill Hatten	Our enrollment process doesn't currently give priority to the children of staff members on the waitlist. Jill would like to present some reasons why amending our policy to give them priority might be beneficial.	5 mins	Jill explained there are a couple of staff members that have children way down on the waiting list. Currently there is no allowance in our enrollment policy to give these children priority. She wondered if the board might consider amending the policy to offer expedited access to staff members as a benefit of working for the program. The Board indicated we should keep the policy as is and revisit the issue if staff member children are indeed still left on the waiting list in August and September.
Single Classes at Private Schools	10	Susan Scofield/Laurajean Downs	Now that the policy on dual enrollment in private schools has been finalized, it is necessary to begin discussion on purchasing one or two classes at		After some discussion, the Board asked the staff to draft policy on this matter which allows for individual classes (if they are

			private schools verses full time dual enrollment at private schools.		secular in nature) to be taken at private schools for high school credit only.
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