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Palouse Prairie Educational Organization
Doing business as
Palouse Prairie School of Expeditionary Learning
Meeting with Programmatic Auditors

April 12, 2012 7-9:00 PM

Location: Palouse Prairie School Building, 1500 Levick St, Moscow ID

Board Members Attending: Nils Peterson (NP), Brian Gardner (BG), Joseph Erhard-Hudson (JEH), Jennifer Whitney (JW), Ivan Wright (IW)

Teacher Representative: Rhonda Brooks

Director: Summer Clayton (SC)

Absent: Lydia Stewart

Public: Dale Kleinert Moscow School District Superintendent, Diane Demarest Executive Director ICSN, Martha Martin (Director Pocatello Community Charter School?), Pat Clelland (self-labeled Happy Parent), Greg Larson (Parent)

Note Taker: Jennifer Whitney

Call to Order

1. Approval of Published Agenda for this meeting

Approval of agenda as written, or approval of modified agenda including reasons for modification.

JEH moves to approve agenda, BG seconded, unanimous approval

2. Welcome to public audience and guests (5 min)

Special Welcome to Audit Team assembled by ICSN

We welcome our guests to this evening's Palouse Prairie School board meeting. The goal for this meeting is to meet our vision of an inclusive environment, our legal requirements, and our practical need to accomplish business in an efficient manner. There is a place later in the meeting for public comments. If you wish to have an item added to our agenda, please see the Board Chair.

3. Announcements

3.1 EL 201 Cancelled -- will do planning for community ed/outreach

3.2 Post-Legislative Tour April 17

3.3 Charter Commission site visit April 27

3.4 Presentation by Elaine Broyles about "Attendance Court" as part of Business meeting April 26

3.5 Kootenai Bridge uses newspaper ad to seek new Board Members

4. Public Comment Period (limit 15 minutes)

At this point in the agenda, members of the public are welcome to come forward, identify themselves (name and address) and speak on any topic relevant to tonight's agenda. The time allotted for a speaker is three minutes. The Board will refrain from responding beyond asking for a clarification. The comments presented at this time will be reviewed by the Board.

5. Workshop

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to have a discussion with the ICSN Audit Team as part of their annual

audit visit. The Team met with Students, Parents and Teachers earlier in the day.

Strong recommendation for completion of Policy Handbook to protect us from a risk mitigation perspective. Typically, changes in code or policy from the state or ISBA prompt policy changes for the school. Dale highly recommends the ISBA sample policies. Sometimes Idaho Code is preferable to ISBA recommendation. As a body, charter schools are usually remiss in completing a policy handbook. Dale volunteered to help us with revising in an advising capacity, when we decide to tackle it in a future workshop.

Recommendation for posting board meetings (not agendas) in two locations (potentially physically), not a bad idea to overpost instead of underpost. Trying to capture the general public as well as our families, so post at library, city hall, etc.

Concern for greater staff compensation to increase retention of highly trained and professional staff. Think about how much it would cost in time, training, and effort in replacing any one staff member.

6. Other items

Committee reports, announcements and other non-business items that the Board needs to discuss.

Moved to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. No action taken.

Adjourned

2011-2012 Board of Directors

Nils Peterson, Chair (term ends 2013)

Joseph Erhard-Hudson, Vice Chair (term ends 2013)

Brian Gardner Treasurer (term ends 2014)

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