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# Palouse Prairie Educational Organization Doing business as Palouse Prairie School of Expeditionary Learning Business Meeting

## 3/23/2015:

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

Current Board: Brian Gardner (BG) Directors: Jacob Ellsworth (JE)
Della Bayly (DB) Jeneille Branen (JB)

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Sarah Deming (SD)
Amy Ball (AB)
Greg Larson (GL)
Jessica Long (JL)
Carole Bogden (CB)

### Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Attending: BG, DB, SD, AB, GL, JL, CB

Absent: none

Public: Jessie Dahlin

Note Taker: GL

- 1. Welcome to public audience and guests (5 min)
- 2. Approval of agenda (5 min)

BG adds agenda item:

- 7.7: JL review Board Training opportunities
  - SD moves to approve agenda as amended
  - AB seconds SD's motion.
  - Agenda approved unanimously.
- 3. Presentations & Reports (30 minutes total)
  - 3.1 Current status of school (JE) (15 mins)

ADA running average between 94-95% ADA

Enrollment dropped to year low of 156 students.

As of today, 89% of current students have filed "intend to return" form

Only 15 prospective Kindergartners enrolled for lottery at this time.

3.2 Update on activities of facilities committee (JB,BG)(15 mins)
Facilities committee has met at Zions Bank to put together a state-backed bond that we could afford

- 4. Announcements
  - 4.1 none
- 5. Approval of minutes (10 minutes)
  - 5.1 Approve minutes from 3/9/2015

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- SD moves to approve as presented
- AB seconds the motion
- All votes 'in favor' except JL, who 'abstains'
  - 6. Public Comment Period (limit 15 minutes)

Jessie Dahlin comments to audience about a number of questions on the staff's mind, such as:

- When will next year's calendar come out?
- When will the next budget be available for discussion?
- Are staff salaries from past years part of the public record?
- How can staff access salary records?
- 7. Action Items (95 minutes)
  - 7.1 Consent Agenda
    - 7.1.A. Approve Feb 2015 financial reports (10 mins)
    - SD moves to approve
    - GL seconds the motion
    - unanimous votes 'in favor.'
  - 7.2 Results of work by Mission Specific Goals committee on a rubric to assess progress towards development of such goals. These goals will become part of future assessments of school performance by the PCSC.
    - Nils Petersen presents rubric developed by MSG Committee.
    - Board discussion ensues.
      - GL moves that the MSG Committee's rubric be adopted as presented.
      - SD seconds the motion
      - unanimous votes 'in favor'

7.3 Adoption of ISBA model policies to replace the portions of the current policy handbook that are derived from the MSD policies adopted Oct 22, 2009. Any policies adopted at other times are not affected.

Action = approve rescinding of MSD derived policies and adoption of model policies

ISBA model policy book is discussed by the board. After board discussion:

- **GL moves** that the board adopt the following policy series. These series of policies will be adopted with the following understandings:
  - 1. If multiple options of a given policy are offered in the ISBA book, PPSEL's choses Option A in all cases.
  - At points where the entry of a duration figure is asked for, such as answers the question of "how many days?" PPSEL choses "14 days."

The following policies are moved for adoption by GL: 1000 series, 2000 series, 4000 series, 8000 series, 9000 series, and the entire rest of the 3000 series that was not previously adopted by this board.

- CB seconds the motion.
- Unanimous vote 'in favor'
- 7.4 Approval of authority for DAO to sign documents necessary for Zions Bank and IHA to conduct necessary review/preparations for a potential bond issue to finance a future facility. This does not include authority to obligate the school to any bond issue or loan agreement without board approval.
  - **SD moves to approve** granting limited authority for DAO to sign documents necessary for Zions Bank and IHA to conduct necessary review/preparations for a potential bond issue to finance a future facility.
  - JL seconds the motion
  - unanimous vote 'in favor'
- 7.5 Approve 3rd grade trip to Wolf People of Cocolalla, ID (115 miles one way) as part of current expedition. (as per policy #2550)
  - GL moves to approve as presented
  - CB seconds the motion
  - unanimous 'in favor'
- 7.6 Consider name change to drop 'Expeditionary Learning" from school name. While the school remains committed to the EL model, trademark issues are requiring the EL national organization to change it's name. This is

happening at the same time as the school's effort to develop a unique brand to use in marketing itself to the community.

- 7.7: JL review Board Training opportunities. In her judgment, Chrissy Lamont appears to be a good match for our board.
- 8. Workshops
- 8.1 donation card and donation solicitation letter review Draft materials submitted by GL, SD to prepare final materials.

# Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

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Brian Gardner, Chair, term expires 2017
Della Bayly, term expires 2016
Sarah Deming, Treasurer, term expires 2015
Amy Ball, Vice Chair, term expires 2015
Greg Larson, Secretary, term expires 2016
Jessica Long, term expires 2017
Carole Bogden, term expires 2017