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

August 9, 2012

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

**Meeting called to order at 7:00PM**

Attending: Joseph Erhard-Hudson (JEH); Melinda Schab (MS); Nils Peterson (NP); Anthony Warn (AW) ex-officio School Director

Absent: Brian Gardner (BG); Jen Whitney (JW)

Public: Greg Larson

Teacher Representative: None

Note Taker: NP

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

*We welcome our guests to this evening's Palouse Prairie School board meeting. The meeting is public and has a structure to meet the legal requirements on public governing boards. At the same time we strive to have the meeting reflect the values of Palouse Prairie School. Our vision is for an inclusive, respectful and supportive learning environment. The goal for this meeting is to meet our vision, our legal requirements, and our practical need to accomplish business in an efficient manner.*

*Board Members will now introduce themselves.*

*Now, we would like to welcome members of the audience. Further in the agenda is a place for comment from the public within this board meeting. Please say your name, if you wish, so we may know who is presenting.*

2. Approval of minutes (10 minutes)

4.1 Approve minutes from July 26, 2012

<https://docs.google.com/a/palouseprairieschool.org/document/d/1UZQL8fOCwqpZnaNBGHhmuGReU8B3W07BjT3DxiAghil/edit>

**Moved Nils, Second Melinda, unanimous approval**

3. Reports

**Anthony reported on progress with replacing of the roll-up door in Rhonda's SPED area. He is seeking a bid that could get the basic work completed before school opens.**

**Initial week of staff meetings are being planned. Work with the leadership team was also undertaken. Themes: 1) Assessment of math skills; 2) making math reasoning explicit, 3) reading assessment and benchmarking; 4) testing/assessment and reporting to families. Working toward a consistent school wide set of practices in each of these areas.**

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 Palouse Prairie School and not on the agenda of this meeting. 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. Workshops

5.1 Fundraising workshop, focusing on requests to families for activity support, per policy approved in 12.06.14 meeting.

**Potential committee members: Pat Clelland; Melinda Schab (board rep); The two will frame the general strategy for the committee's work and report with a plan and slate of members at the Sept 13 workshop meeting. Nils moved; Melinda second. Unanimous**

**Teacher-ask issues: Is there a common range for each classroom, school-wide? Is there a pool that shares across classroom or is it class by class?**

**Can teachers provide an overview/outline of what the expeditions will be? Could this give donors a sense of what will happen in other grades?**

**Back to School Night: Board announce the fund raising policy and reasons and invite membership of fund raising committee. Melinda/Pat will work on formulating this. Include Anthony in these discussions.**

**A donation of \$100-150/student to support expeditions, adventure and fieldwork in the fall semester. Teachers will provide more details. Not going to have nickle & dime asks.**

5.2 Section 5000 (Personnel) Policy revision

5.2.A Discuss schedule of policy reviews and approvals

5.2.B Review work of 12.06.14 meetings - sections 5105-5340. Work towards final revisions to be adopted at a later meeting.

5.2.C Begin work on new sections. The policies will be read, discussed, revisions proposed, BUT NOT ADOPTED at this meeting.

**The plan is for a four-step process. (1) Workshop to jigsaw read; followed by between meeting updating of policy based on reading results; (2) invite online public comment to the revised policy; at 2nd workshop (4 weeks later) review the revised policy and comments; (3) at the following business meeting (2 weeks later) approve each policy for inclusion and (4) roll-up the included policies for adoption and simultaneous revocation of the current ones. Following this meeting the suite of policies that moved through this process is updated in the policy manual.**

**NP to lay out the calendar of these activities.**

**MS moved, NP second, unanimous adoption of the process**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:56**

**2012-2013 Board of Directors**

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Joseph Erhard-Hudson, Chair; term expires 2013

Jennifer Whitney, Vice-Chair; term expires 2014

Brian Gardner, Treasurer; term expires 2014

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