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

4/14/2014:

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)
 Sarah Deming (SD)
 Amy Ball (AB)
 Todd Broadman (TB)
 Greg Larson (GL)

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.

Attending: AB, SD, GL, BG, DB

Absent: TB

Public: JE, JB, Andrika Kuhle

Note Taker: GL

1. Welcome to public audience and guests (5 min)
2. Approval of agenda ABmoves, SD 2nds, unanimous 'in favor'
3. Presentations & Reports (10min)
 - 3.1 Report on status of upcoming Phone-a-thon (SD)
AB and SD are developing 'talking points' for the phone calls
In order to take credit cards, can use Razzu.com for a 4.9% fee. Razzu is integrated with IdahoGives, and we have a PPSEL account.
4. Announcements
 - 4.1 none
5. Approval of minutes (5 minutes)
 - 5.1 Approve minutes from 3/24/2014
Minutes not available, this item is tabled to the next meeting
6. Public Comment Period (limit 15 minutes)
no comments received.

7. Action Items (10 minutes)

7.1 Consent Agenda

7.1.A. none

7.2 Approve travel for 7/8 Crew backpacking trip to Hells canyon.

Andrika Kuhle, 7-8 teacher, explains the role this trip will play in the education curriculum of the 7-8 crew. The backpacking trip is 5 miles up river, no long strenuous uphill/downhill climbing. Trip leaders will have a satellite phone with texting capabilities for frequent check-ins. There is a ranger station at the backpacking campground, they are informed of the dates of this trip. Students will be trained to identify poison ivy, and to beware of possible rattlesnakes. The school has 8 backpacks and 8 sleeping bags to loan to students without them.

BG: How will it be guaranteed that students have appropriate footwear, appropriate clothing, and appropriate equipment?

Andrika suggests there will be a clothing/equipment check one week prior to departure

GL: Do any chaperones have first aid training?

Safety is a concern, one person on PPSEL staff appears to have Wilderness first aid certification, and may be asked to go on this trip for this reason. First aid training is a concern and it is hoped that a parent volunteer will have good training, such as EMT training.

JE: will the kids be strong enough to carry their food? Could food be delivered by jetboat to the backpacking campsite?

AB: is there a plan in place for students who don't go?

Andrika: the plan will be made when the number of students not attending is known.

SD moves to approve this 7-8 camping trip. DB 2nds. Unanimous 'In Favor'

7.3 Approve 2014/2015 Calendar

School calendar for next school year has been developed based on Moscow Sch. Dist. calendar

BG: If we are required to have 900 hours of instruction time, and this calendar has it, then he approves.

JE: Is mindful of the fact that at least one parent has voiced strong objections to having PPSEL go to vacation before Moscow School District (MSD): childcare for the week that PPSEL is off and MSD is not can be challenging. In the future, if funding/support is available, the school may be able to provide some form of childcare for this week. At this time, no plans are in place for such provisions.

SD moves to approve the 2014-2015 calendar as presented. AB 2nds. Unanimous 'in favor.'

Executive Session I (30 minutes)

Pursuant to Idaho code 67-2345 (a) for the purpose of discussing performance evaluations, first with Director of Operations, Jacob Ellsworth, then with Director of Instruction, Jeneille Branen.

Roll call vote: SD in favor, AB in favor, DB in favor, GL in favor, BG in favor.

Executive session entered with unanimous 'in favor.'

8. Workshops (30 minutes)

8.1 Description of status and needs for completing 'Mission Specific Goals' and the remainder of the Performance Certificate required by PCSC. (BG)

BG: due to difficulty of developing and implementing data collection measures, such as surveys, which would satisfy PCSC criteria, BG recommends that PPSEL take the option to opt out of including MSG's in our Performance Certificate. In this case, the school's test scores will count for 100% of the evaluation of PPSEL's academic performance.

8.2 Update on results of Post Legislative Tour In Lewiston on 4/10/2014 (BG)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

2013-2014 Board of Directors

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Sarah Deming, Treasurer, term expires 2015

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