

*****08-09 MINUTES*****

**St. Regis School
August 19th, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Trustee Skelton.

>>>Board Roll Call<<<

H = Here

A = Absent

P = Partial

H- Ken Jasper
A-Shelly Dunlap
H- Jolie Skelton
H- Tina Dockter
H-Jackie Sanford

H- Patty Kero, Superintendent
H - Don Almquist, Principal
H-Tina Hill, Clerk

>>>Visitors<<<

Visitors (according to Sign-in sheet): Diane Gingerich, Cindy Feasel

>>>Public Forum<<<

The chairman made the following statement, "Public Forum is an opportunity to discuss items that are not on the agenda. These items may not be voted on by the board, however. Also, a reminder that individual's right-to-privacy laws usually exceed the public's right-to-know, therefore prohibiting any discussions of individual performance during the public forum section, or any other time during the meeting."

>>>Old Business<<<

1. Approval of Handbooks

a. Staff Handbooks

Principal Almquist presented the changes to the staff handbook. The changes from last year are summarized on the last page.

It was stated that the word "Administration" should be used instead of the use of the word "I" or "me" throughout the document as well as the other handbooks.

A motion was made by Trustee Dockter and seconded by Trustee Sanford to approve the 08-09 handbook with the changes noted above.

Motion Carries 4-0

b. Student Handbook

The time of day for hats should be changed to match the staff handbook. In regard to student dress, the mention of no mid-riff should be added. The phone number for the school should be returned to the section below behavior. In regards to breakfast in the classroom, that should be changed on page 12.

The wellness committee suggested no energy drinks allowed in the school. That should be added to the handbook. The Athletic Director will let the coaches know that it is

strongly discouraged by the wellness committee that energy drinks such as Rock Star, Red Bull not be allowed in extra-curricular activities as well.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Jasper to accept the student handbook for the 08-09 school year with the changes above.

Motion Carries 4-0

c. Elementary Handbook

The change to the Breakfast program should be stated. The time of snack is listed as morning, but that hasn't been determined. It could list either morning or afternoon. Also the mention of the time for hats and no midriff needs to be added.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Dockter to accept the elementary student/parent handbook for the 08-09 school year with the changes.

Motion Carries 4-0

>>>New Business<<<

1. Readmittance of Student C

The Administration recommends readmitting Student C to the general population. The family was notified that they were on the agenda, and letters of recommendation were provided.

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Sanford to readmit Student C to the general population.

Motion Carries 4-0

2. Early Admittance to Kindergarten – Student B - Tabled

3. Class Schedule

Trustee Skelton presented ideas for a new policy and the procedure to will possibly follow. The Policy needs to be on the next agenda to be reviewed and approved. The general idea presented was that the policy should state that the Board would like the class schedule to be presented by the April board meeting.

Superintendent Kero also talked to Joe Brott and agrees that the class schedule not be added to the school calendar policy (2100). The Board should give parameters, guidelines and goals and then the brainstorming for the class schedule happens amongst staff. The administration needs to know these parameters at least by March.

Trustee Jasper would also like to see that the policy reflect that the Board would have the right to approve the schedule if needed. The Board would not do the brainstorming, the staff would be doing the brainstorming.

Continual communication of goals, parameters and guidelines was discussed and the procedure to follow for presentation of these. Patty would suggest the Board work with the MTSBA to develop a policy and procedure.

>>>Information Items<<<

A. MCEL – in Billings October 15-17

- B. Monday at 10:00 a.m. there was a sub orientation there will also be an orientation tomorrow.
- C. Advisor assignments were presented

>>>Set Next Meeting/Adjourn<<<

The next regular meeting will be August 27th at 6:00 p.m. in Room 107. The meeting was adjourned by Trustee Skelton at 6:51 p.m.

District Clerk

Board Chairperson