

Vermilion Country School Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2010

Location: SuLu's restaurant meeting room, Tower, MN

Members present: Jodi Summit, Marshall Helmberger, Muriel Scott, Troy Swanson, Becky Gawboy, Richard Hanson, Ray Toutloff and Chris Schuster

Members Absent: none

Others present: Amy Hinkel

Meeting began at 8:40

1. Discuss and plan next move. Options are to re-apply for VCS with NEO or consider applying with another authorizer. Committee should take into account that other authorizers may not want to work with progressive education models. Committee agrees that NEO fills our purposes better than other authorizers. Marshall will contact Bryan Rossi to discuss reapplying.
2. Committee talks about 2142 transportation plan.
3. Becky Gawboy proposes we resubmit a letter of intent for VCS to NEO. Also, that we keep our local legislators informed of our progress and steps that we have taken with the VCS application. Jodi says that the goals and assessment need to be worked on and improved for submission of a new affidavit. She suggests seeking help from a consultant for these goals.
4. Goal for opening school. The committee discusses the possibility of not being able to open VCS by the 2011-12 school year. We will still keep it as our goal.
5. Ray asks about what the timeline for the application will be? Marshall and Jodi say that we will hope to have the process complete and all approvals and grants by May 2011. This may give us time for the 2011 opening.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:30am. Committee will meet again after Thanksgiving when we have something to discuss.