

Vermilion Country School Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 29, 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

Others present: Amy Hinkel, Joan Dostert and Sherry Carlson

Meeting began at 8:40am

1. Approved minutes from Oct. 15 meeting.
2. Authorization update. Marshall spoke with Cindy Murphy from the MDE. The MDE is going through the authorizer's process to be sure that everything is included in the application. Everything was received by the MDE last Monday from Bryan Rossi. Richard Hanson asked Marshall if the MDE had a deadline. Marshall said that the deadline is November 15 in order to have time for the CSP grant process. Ray Toutloff asked if the application was not approved would we have time to appeal. Jodi Summit answered that we would not have time before the CSP grant.
3. CSP grant application. Jodi and Marshall have been working on the application which will be about 60 pages. Several things need to be rewritten from the application. They have been getting some help from Vicki Nelson who has previously working with project based learning charter schools. VCS will get a contract from NEO after MDE approval. We will then rent temporary office space. We will also need to work out with TEDA how to finance for the renovations of the PowerRain building. The Tower city council will need to make the final decision on the building lease.
4. Letter to legislators. Decided not to send unless we do not get the approval after NEO submissions.
5. NEO open house. Will be in St. Paul on November 11th from 5 – 7 PM. Some board members should go down to attend.
6. Discussion of NEO and EdVisions role with VCS.

7. Discussion of sports participation. We will need to get a committee together to research rules for sports paring and sharing with other schools.
8. Discussion of what project based learning and how the PowerRain space would work better. Also, discussion of possible later school hours 9-4. Also, school during summer to accommodate work on specific projects.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.