

Vermilion Country School Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 24, 2010

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

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

Members absent: none

Others present: Amy Hinkle and Erica Rivers

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am.

Ray Toutloff says he has spoken with Architectural Resources and they have detail structural information on the Tower-Soudan School. Ray recommends we set up a meeting with both the 2142 Board and the architect for next week or early the following week. Ray leaves to go to another meeting (8:40am).

Chris Schuster arrives at 8:50 am.

Marshall Helmberger introduces Erica Rivers who is the project manager of the new Lake Vermilion State Park. Marshall has spoken with Erica about working with the state park project for VCS environmental education and DNR curriculum. Erica talks about other charter schools that have worked with the Minnesota DNR on incorporating classroom curriculum. The DNR has curriculum available that meet with the State of Minnesota Department of Education standards for credits in several areas including science, art, and social studies. The plan is for the park to set up a satellite classroom within the park for educational use. Jodi Summit asks if it will be easy to coordinate. Erica says that depends on the school's flexibility. She then states that she will work to incorporate VCS in the master plan for the park. Becky Gawboy speaks of how excited her children are about project based education. Marshall recommends we appoint a subcommittee for educational incorporation with the park.

Discussion: Possibility of having VCS within the park and making the building available for summer and weekend camps. Erica says she will do some checking to see if it would be a possible.

Updates:

- Financial – Committee has written rough draft of credit card and cash receipt controls.

- 9/17/10 meeting minutes – Muriel Scott moves to approve minutes. All approve.
- Facilities – restatement that we need to find a way to work with 2142 to utilize Tower-Soudan school. Discussion: Scenic Rivers Clinic's requirements for space. Muriel says she spoke with Elizabeth Storm from Scenic Rivers and she said that the clinic in Tower would require 4500 – 5000 square feet of space.
- Grant writing – Marshall says that the State of Minnesota has not yet uploaded the CSP grant application and requirements.

Green schools conference - Becky Gawboy will be going. She will see about getting some schools students to go with her.

Meeting adjourned 10:10am.