

## **RCEI Governing Board Meeting Minutes 8/16/11**

Meeting called to order 1737.

Present: Joe Bognar (JB), Sheryl Clafin (SC), Dale Hanson (DH), Rick Jacob (RJ), Mike Steiner (MS), Ashly Steinke (AS), Andrea Beach (AB)

### **Meeting Agenda Items:**

#1. Approve previous board minutes. Minor revisions made. Motion made by RJ and seconded by AS to approve minutes.  
7 votes in favor for unanimous approval.

#2. Public comments: None

#3. Approve Agenda. Motion made by RJ and seconded by AS.  
7 votes in favor for unanimous approval.

#4. Budget and expenditures.

Previous months expenditures are not prepared as of the 8/16/11 meeting. Purchases have been made as previously planned. Discussion regarding District Audit. MS will forward the months expenditures to board via e-mail for approval.

#5. Strategic Planning with Alinea Inc.

MS plans to forward Board comments to Deb after he has received Bio/Pic from all members.

#6. Committees and members.

MS will request original planning session notes from Deb. Discussion by group recalls the following committees and chairs; Enrollment = SC, Family = AB, Marketing = AS, and Fundraising = AS.

Discussion regarding implementing RCEI promotion in the form of "Bee Project" JB suggests asking for super honey donations and has several contacts to pursue. During discussion of item #7 below, it was suggested to add a Facilities Committee and an Expansion Committee. DH volunteers to head School Forest Committee as below in #7 as well.

#7. Implementation Grant.

Budget revisions for grant were submitted by MS. SC will contact Barry Golden for feedback.

Fundraising is discussed as part of the overall plan with set goals for each year. Discussion followed regarding management of school forests. RCEI needs to bring a proposal to Mr. Brown/School Board. Allocation of funds generated by the logging of school forests is discussed.

School forest income allocation lead to discussion surrounding many aspects of expanding RCEI including: On-campus vs. off campus facility, renting vs. purchasing, expanding to lower grades (5th, 6th) vs. higher grades (9th, 10th). Mr. Zeiman and Mr. Brown certainly need to be approached before expansion plans can be seriously

undertaken. Conversation came back to school forest and DH volunteers to do some research do a presentation/proposal can be prepared.

#8. Enrollment.

Current enrollment is 17. Discussion regarding reaching out to potential students and methods of letters and phone calls is discussed.

#9. Marketing.

MS still waiting for Bios/Pics of Board members.

Classroom will be open the same evening as Middle School Orientation.

Canoe Race Event in partnership w/UWBC discussed

#10. Facilities.

Classroom preparation is in progress and on target for first day of school. Furniture to arrive next week. Storage is a concern. Discussion regarding bike trailer as storage.

#11. Handbook.

Near completion by JB/RJ/MS. Copy to be e-mailed to bard Members to review before school starts.

#12. Curriculum.

MS gives updates on this. 30 days to be forwarded to Barry Golden for review.

#13. Training.

MS/AS give report of workshop at the Leopold Center.

#14. Other items.

MS gathered and sent additional information needed for 501C3 application.

Motion made to close meeting by RJ and seconded by AB.

7 votes in favor for unanimous approval.

Meeting closed at 2023.