



## Board Meeting (Special Session) Minutes – Approved

### Mission

Marine Area Community School will utilize the natural resources, history, arts, and civic stewardship of the community as a foundation for the study of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, physical education, art, and other curriculum subjects. The place-based learning environment will be student-centered, designed by teachers, and reinforced and supported by the local community.

#### 1.0 Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Lisa White, Kristina Smitten, Glen Mills, Jon Dettmann, Lisa Dochniak

#### 2.0 Approve Agenda

During the agenda discussion Director Dettmann suggested an agenda item on adding an authorized user to the line of credit. The agenda was approved.

#### 3.0 Line of Credit and Financial Procedures Discussion

Director Dettmann moved to allow the Board Treasurer, Board Chair, and the School Administrator to draw on the line of credit. Chair Smitten seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Director Dettmann suggested MACS gives Kyle Knudson from The Anton Group access to view accounts; the bank says access cannot be read only, the person has to have user access.

#### 4.0 School Name Change/ Logo Discussion

Director Dettmann introduced new logo ideas/names designed by UltraCreative. He mentioned that Groves Academy has allowed us to use River Grove and Emerald Grove in response to their legal challenge. Director Dettmann shared designs, wants to keep the “G” (our existing logo) as much as possible. He mentioned that he likes the stacked designs, hoped to get consensus on a name change, and solicited feedback.

Chair Smitten said she does not have a personal preference. She polled various groups about the names River Grove, Emerald Grove, and Pine Grove, including the staff last week. Pine Grove was the staff favorite because of references to Marine history.

Co-chair White and Director Dochniak liked Pine Grove.

Director Mills did not have a preference.

Director Dettmann offered counterpoints to Pine Grove:

1. Need to modify G (wants to avoid because it changes the look of existing brand).
2. Pine Grove is not unique. He cited five Pine Grove Elementary Schools in the

country just from basic research, and suggested that other ideas would be more unique. Director Dettmann leaned towards River Grove, adding that it's the cleanest transition. He asked for a decision on name and then will work on design of the logo.

Chair Smitten wondered if dropping “elementary” is something to consider to help clean up the logo, and asked members on how to proceed on the issue.

Co-chair White said she likes River or Pine and asked the School Administrator, Drew Goodson's, opinion, who answered that he doesn't really care, but knows some teachers have strong preference towards Pine Grove.

Director Dettmann thought having too many similar schools would be a disadvantage.

Chair Smitten asked Director Dettmann for guidance on how to proceed. Director Dettmann asked for a motion on permission to look at new logos then change name based on the logo. Chair Smitten responded that she is confident the media company (UltraCreative) will produce acceptable logo, and thought the name should change first.

Chair Smitten motioned to change trade name to River Grove (without asking for permission to drop "Elementary"). Co-chair White seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **5.0 Playground Discussion**

Chair Smitten explained that Wilder took down existing playground due to safety concerns, and so the school will need to replace some of the structures. She offered a phased approach, and explained that a parent group is working on and fundraising for playground equipment thus far. She added that the slide still remains from Wilder, and it would be good to add a swing set and a "crawly thing."

Director Dochniak suggested looking further at options.

Chair Smitten asked Administrator Goodson for a budget number on playground equipment. He responded that there is not a clear number.

Co-chair White asked to seek other sources besides parents, and expressed concern about too much fundraising. Chair Smitten and Directors Dettmann and Mills agreed that there be further discussion of fundraising sources.

Chair Smitten suggested that the third week of August be tentative date for playground installation. She motioned to authorize the School Administrator to lead purchase of playground equipment of up to \$10,000. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6.0 Scouting**

Chair Smitten announced that an area Boys Scout troop/pack (169) asked for MACS to be their chartering organization. She estimated that there are 10 or 11 Cub Scouts in the area.

Other directors expressed some concern over ability to use facility for scouting, mentioning the conditional use permit. The discussion was tabled for now.

## **7.0 Approval of Student Information System**

School Administrator Goodson offered student information system options and purchase analysis. Skyward is used by Stillwater but is too expensive. Jupiter Grades does not give school full operational capability. JMC (<http://jmcinc.com/>) is used by most charters and recommended by The Anton Group.

Chair Smitten motioned to enter into a purchase agreement with JMC for our student information system for 2017-18 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

## **8.0 Meeting Adjourned**