



Board Meeting Minutes
 Ridgeview High School, Redmond, OR
 March 3rd, 2016

I.	Call to Order	18:13 by Bobbie Bolton	
II.	OPEN FORUM	All attendees introduced themselves.	
III.	Attending	Bobbie Bolton Shelly Phillips Kelley Benson Pascaline Ocana Sarah Cox Tim Pieters	Alexis Lukoff Rose Archer Julia Sutter Aaron Kitchell (Skype, non-voting*) Toni Grinder Jeff Menzel
	Absent	N/A	
	Also Present	Jolene Dodge Tori Gettinger Jennifer Gottfried	Cece Bangerter Christina Sevilla Bill Schertzinger
IV.	Action Items	<p>A. Approval of Minutes from February 4th meeting Alexis made a motion to approve the minutes from February 4th board meeting. Pascaline seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous approval.</p> <p>2016.03.03.01</p>	
V.	Business	<p>A. Discussion on district direction. Bobbie told the board about her intention to open a private Montessori school in Redmond. The school would primarily be for Pre K and K students, with an additional elementary class for 6-9 or 12 year olds during the 2016-2017 schoolyear.</p> <p>Shelly voiced that she likes the idea of Bobbie’s school with a possible option to apply to convert the elementary class to a charter. Shelly also voiced her want to focus on Bend because of her impression that we (the board) were able to get further in the application process with the Bend-La Pine district.</p> <p>Bobbie and Aaron talked about meeting with Joann, a charter financial expert (and seasoned charter director) recommended by Kate at Oregon Department of Education. Contrary to both Redmond and Bend school districts’ comments to us, Joann validated our budget, with few notes. She further advised that districts do not understand how charter school budgets operate. She said she would like to be available to travel and educate both our board and any audience we could get with the districts.</p> <p>Tori (Fundraising Committee member, board guest) echoed Shelly’s thoughts on focusing on Bend-La Pine first.</p>	

		<p>Pascaline noted that the Bend-La Pine district may expect us sooner while Redmond seemed to say “later is better.”</p> <p>Alexis voiced that we really don’t have to “choose.” It is a matter of first pursuing one district, then the other.</p> <p>Someone noted that districts seem to understand the effectiveness of Montessori in lower grades. But they will need to be shown the effectiveness of Montessori in the upper elementary and middle school grades.</p> <p>Bobbie asserted that she would like to pursue a K-6 in Bend-La Pine, appealing the district by having only one class of 4th-6th graders. Pascaline said she would work on feasibility of numbers.</p> <p>Aaron expressed opposition to working both districts at the same time; that we (the board) don’t have the resources and time to split and still be successful. He later noted this split approach may show a lack of community support. He further noted that we need to build relationships with district school board members and other community leaders.</p> <p>Rose noted that BIS (a new charter in Bend-La Pine), in its infancy, has been taking extra time and resources from the Bend-La Pine school board. She offered that as insight for us; it would be best for us to wait to open until 2017. Our postponement would be in our favor.</p> <p>Shelly echoed Roses sentiments and said she will reach out to Shay (Bend-La Pine Superintendent) in order to get a better idea of the district’s preferred timeline.</p> <p>Kelley mentioned that she supports either district but noted her preference for focusing on only one at a time with at least a year between application submissions.</p> <p>Sarah voiced that she is happy with focusing on either district, but is concerned about K-6 versus K-8.</p> <p>Toni asserted that we consider taking a month to do some research, get to know more board and community members, and really take a look into our budget.</p> <p>Bill (Board guest) asserted the idea that we approach school board and community relations from a sales perspective: get their attention, find out what makes them tick, educate on what we offer (this is something we already do quite well), offer an “imagine this” (tailored to what makes them tick), then close the deal.</p> <p>Jeff echoed Toni, Bill and Aaron’s ideas to reach out and build relationships with the districts’ boards and community members and focus on where their interests lay (i.e., support for community, money, etc.). Jeff mentioned the “First Story” side of Hayden Homes; that it is possibility of working with them to offset land purchase price. He also stated that he is happy with whichever direction the majority of the board decides to go.</p>
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		<p>Tim voiced that he would be happy focusing on either district first.</p> <p>Aaron voiced concern that at 140 students, we would really need to research developers.</p> <p>Bobbie asserted that Axiom Development is out if we pursue student populations at less than 350. She mentioned she has been in contact with some local, smaller developers and is hopeful of finding one that will take on our project. She will pass on their contact information to Construction Committee.</p> <p>All members agree that 140 students will be an okay starting point, especially to appease both districts.</p> <p>Julia asserted that she felt that our best chance of success would be in applying to the Bend-La Pine district first.</p> <p>Julia made a motion to focus on the Bend-La Pine district first; applying and pursuing school opening Fall 2017. Sarah seconded the motion. Vote: Approval from Shelly Phillips, Bobbie Bolton, Kelley Benson, Pascaline Ocana, Sarah Cox, Alexis Lukoff, Rose Archer, Julia Sutter, Tim Pieters and Jeff Menzel. Opposition from Toni Grinder.</p> <p>B. Update on Krispy Kreme Donuts Sales campaign. Rose took inventory of sales, total of 207 dozens sold thus far.</p> <p>Pascaline made a motion to approve the purchase of 100 additional dozen donuts (above the pre-sold quantity) to be sold on March 12th in Redmond and Bend locations. Alexis seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous approval.</p> <p>C. Remaining agenda items. Bobbie added a mid-month meeting to finish remaining agenda items. Meeting will be March 15th, Bend, Eagle Landing, 6:30-8:00 PM</p>
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	Announcements	A. Regularly scheduled board meeting: April 7 th , 2016 - Bend, Eagle Landing, 6:30-8:00 PM - Julia will provide snacks.
VII.	Adjourned	Time: 20:03 by Bobbie

Certification of Secretary

I hereby certify that these are a true and correct copy of the minutes that were adopted by the Board of Directors of Desert Sky Montessori on [date when minutes are approved].

