

Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board Meeting

Monday, June 3rd, 2013, 6:30 pm

Central Wisconsin Environmental Station,

10186 Cty. Rd. MM, Amherst Junction, WI 54407



# MINUTES

|  | Present? |                       | Present? |
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| <b>Diana Bohman</b>  | X        | <b>Chamomile Nusz</b> | X        |
| <b>Tina Giombetti</b>  | X        | <b>Tom Quinn</b>      | X        |
| <b>Shannon Korger</b>  | X        | <b>Kristy Stacy</b>   | X        |
| <b>Laurie Low</b>  | X        |                       |          |
| <b>Other Attendees: Lindsey Jenkins and Mary Goral and Lori Barian via phone</b> |          |                       |          |

## 1. Opening Meeting

- The regular meeting of the Tomorrow River Community Charter School Board was called to order at 6:38 pm at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station in Amherst Junction by Chair Tom Quinn. Board members in attendance were: Diana Bohman, Tina Giombetti, Shannon Korger, Laurie Low, and Kristy Stacy.
- Gathering Verse: Tom
- Sharing of positive memory from the past week: All

## 2. Business

- Approved Agenda
- Approved May 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes with location and attendance edits
- Next meeting: June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 6:30 pm at CWES
- Contractor's Reports:
  - Chamomile
    - Has also been working on transportation. Lamers bus company thought they had a candidate for a driver for a Plover to Amherst Junction route but he is not interested.
    - Current enrollment numbers from Stevens Point area would mean busing would equate to \$150 per day or \$7 per child.

- Lamers is very willing to work with us and suggested putting a call out to the community for a bus driver. They are willing to train and help an interested person, preferably residing in the Amherst area.
  - Mary Goral
    - Finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum today. Will have all curriculum proof read and ready for training on June 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Lori Barian
    - Not much work done on fund development in the last month as Lori has been busy writing curriculum and Laurie has been busy moving and such.
    - Seeking grants for transportation and Free and Reduced Lunches. Chamomile and Meghan are currently working on these specific needs.
  - Consensus to approve contractors' reports.
- CWES Site Report
  - Program Partnership approval: Tom/ Chamomile
    - One slight revision to partnership agreement in area of liability. Returned to previously written statement presented by LeAnn.
    - Final copy of partnership has been approved and is ready for signatures.
  - Contractor approval: Chamomile/Tom
    - Had 3 parties interested in building outdoor classroom, but only one, Vincent Miresse of Wholistic Home Solutions, submitted a bid. Others realized project was too involved and/or didn't have time to commit.
    - Concerns on WHS's bid:
      - Assistant's per-hour labor charge was as much as contractor's labor charge.
        - Vincent explained that assistant was a skilled timber frame tradesman and his specialized skills were necessary and reasonably priced.
      - Liability disclosure for use of CWES's equipment – if available – needs to be stated in contract
        - Will ask to amend contract per Tom's request.
    - Consensus to accept Wholistic Home Solutions' bid to build outdoor classroom
  - Volunteer work night May 23<sup>rd</sup>: Tom
    - Had 10 volunteers
  - Volunteer work day June 1<sup>st</sup> : Tina
    - Seven adult volunteers and 6 children cleared out brush, poison ivy and some trees to make way for play equipment to be constructed.
    - CWES would be interested in borrowing or renting a goat to aid in clearing out poison ivy.
  - Heating system for Becker: Tom
    - Central WI Electric Co-op quoted cost of masonry storage heating unit at \$6,000. Discovered that there is a credit of CWES's that was never cashed in that can be applied to this.
    - Since Becker and Anderson run off of one circuit, more power will need to be trenched to Becker Lodge.

- Still looking for donations for window upgrades. Need to replace 18 drafty windows in Becker alone!
- Curriculum soul discussion: All
  - Mary Goral has bibliography of mainstream teachers using “soul” and “spirituality” in curriculum and will email it to board.
  - Lori will work on rewriting the introduction to curriculum so as to soften the language.
  - Board will review and discuss further at that point.
- Teachers: Chamomile
  - Hiring/Timeline/Needs
    - TRCCS would like to train a 4<sup>th</sup> teacher who could serve as teacher's aid for kindergarten while we have the money from the planning grant
  - Trainings- Teachers need to register for Great Lakes Waldorf Institute training online
    - Teachers will be reimbursed for registration and training costs.
    - Seeking housing in Milwaukee area for 4 teachers who are being trained for 3 week duration. All teachers do not need to be at same location, but it would be ideal.
- Acceptance Letters: Chamomile
  - All families who applied for Open Enrollment received an acceptance letter from TRSD via the WI DPI. Families must sign and return letter by June 28<sup>th</sup> if they intend to have their child attend TRCCS. This will be the key to determining accurate enrollment numbers.
  - Enrollment: Lost 4 students recently but gained 1 more and 4 more families plan to open-enroll in the upcoming O.E. window.
- Free and Reduced Lunch/Income survey
  - For purposes of state programs and to determine schools' economic situation, e.g. poverty level, all schools are required to obtain income information from families of students.
  - Most schools determine this with their Free and Reduced Lunch Worksheet, but since TRCCS does not have a lunch program we will need to develop an income worksheet and have it approved by state. Families will be asked to complete worksheet to obtain this necessary income information.

#### 4. Events

- TRCCS June Orientation: June 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Has been reduced to one day event with day portion focused at TRCCS teachers and board members while the evening campfire sing-a-long will be open to general public.
  - Daytime orientation will start at 8:30 am and will include: singing; discussion on rhythm of day; week and year; Lori will demonstrate the symbiotic nature of environmental/sustainable education and Waldorf; sample lesson including art; circle time of movement, music, poetry, and folk dancing; and watercolor painting.
- Waldorf Campfire Sing-Along June 14<sup>th</sup>: Open to public
- Rainbow's End/Energy Fair: June 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Chamomile will ask if booth can be relocated closer to Rainbow's End Tent for convenience.
  - Still need volunteers to oversee Rainbow's End Tent. Volunteers are asked to serve one hour shifts and help performers when needed.

- Trike-A-Thon
  - Three events in fall that we could tie into
    - Celebrate Amherst Riverfest September 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Cyclovia, Plover September 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Lettie's Central Waters Run/Walk October 12<sup>th</sup>
      - Is it feasible to combine Run/Walk with Trike-A-Thon?

5. Fundraisers

- Develop 12 month calendar that integrates TRCCS school calendar and bio-dynamic sowing and harvesting dates. In year one, utilize pictures of CWES throughout the seasons and from year 2 on utilize students' artwork.

6. Closing

- Action items reviewed.

7. Tom adjourned meeting 9:04 pm.