

HOS Report
10/16/19

Potential SEL grant

We met about the grant, and several left with some research to do. We are weighing the pros and cons of the program. It is a great concept, but we believe that between HVMH and Kelly Skilicorn, all of the concepts can be reviewed and covered plus more.

Upon reviewing the scope and sequence that we have received, Kelly S suggested that she can tweak a few little things, and cover the items that are listed in the grant. With that covered, HVMH can focus on their positive mental health approach and resilience building. Between being able to cover all their concepts and quite a few more beyond that, coupled with the requirements of the grant and the simple fact that we have strong resources here whereas many other schools may not, I am leaning toward withdrawing from the grant application process entirely, allowing another school with fewer resources to benefit from the grant.

Mission Statement work

Most recent mission draft: *Bluffview Montessori School empowers self-directed learning through a materials-based Montessori curriculum that encourages independence and natural curiosity. Bluffview cultivates learners' deep respect for self, community, and a peaceful environment, while nourishing the intrinsic desire for academic, civic, and personal fulfillment.*

Alt: (desire for physical, academic, social, emotional, and spiritual fulfillment.)

Once we are in agreement on the Mission, I will start working on the Core Values list we generated.

Strategic Plan

I am on hold here until I receive the info discussed at last months meeting.

Garage idea

Andy and I met with Jacob Nicklay to review the ideas for a possible garage to replace the green shed. We reviewed the services that he will provide, and what it is that we are looking for: resembles the school building, size, location, utilities, etc. B&G committee discussed as shown in the minutes. Suggest that we move forward with the planning phase with OWA. Architects...the proposal is included in this packet.

Maternity Leave

Kendra Serjogins has notified admin of a projected leave start date of Jan 2, 2019. She has asked for a 12 week leave. Leah Pasiuk has agreed to sub. This is great for us as she has been at Bluffview student teaching all fall in E1, and now we don't have to ask someone on our very small list of short call subs.

BKDV

A lot of action this month-completed a benefits doc for the audit, sent all last years BOD minutes to them, and a new STAR reporting spreadsheet that BKDV had to create with all staff on it, as the old system was apparently replaced-including many code changes - and the data was not made available so the process had to be redone from scratch. Am still waiting for a PELSB response to how I am supposed to report the periods/minutes to complete the paperwork Stacy requested.

Senator Miller

Jeremy Miller did visit the school on October 3rd. He had never visited the site. We discussed a few topics including Charter funding disparities like the Small School Revenue which he was knowledgeable about, new DHS regulations for the pre-k and the dysfunctionality of DHS and MDE with regard to working together, our Authorizer situation, and other MACs initiatives.

We have followed that meeting up with an open invitation to Representative Gene Pelowski. He responded yesterday via email, and indicated that he will schedule a visit with us as he is able.

Misato

1 BMS student-Coral Bausman. Misato students are scheduled to visit BMS on 10/28.

WSU practicum students

Linda has jumped in as the liaison to Marriane Texley and making arrangements with the Special Ed teachers in training from WSU-they will have 12 students here twice a week, practicing their craft with some of our students.

Foster Transportation Agreement

MDE chose to grant us access to our Title I money, even though we still don't have the agreement to submit. They offered a temporary, alternate path until the agreement is made available. Docs I submitted to MDE showed that I began requesting it in September of 2018.

Cultural competencies with Jonathan Locust

During this process, I discovered that the state is now looking for 6-8 hours of this training to fulfill relicensure requirements...and have ever so graciously offered a list of groups that can fulfill the requirements, all of which charge the small school friendly fee of about \$5000.

Jonathan agreed to do another session this winter (Jan 17th) for 3 hours, getting the total trainings up to 6.5 total hours. I will be pressing PELSB hard to accept this, as they stated that they don't like a series of trainings in this case.

Harassment Complaint / Investigation

Outsourced to maintain non-biased fact finding. Results sent to the school attorney.

Letter of Fire Code violation/unacceptable classroom condition

A letter was issued to a staff member-clear directives/timeline given.