



# The Pomfret School

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## **Pomfret School Board Meeting Monday, August 11– 5:30 PM MINUTES**

### **Present:**

- W.C.S.U. Staff:
- Pomfret School Principal: Lynn McMorris
- School Board: Jay Tracey, Kevin Lessard
- Faculty Representatives: Rob Hanson

### **Visitors:**

- Bob Crean, Christina Marts from Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

### **I. Acceptance of Minutes:**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Board Meetings.

**Moved:** Jay Tracey

**Seconded:** Kevin Lessard

**Accepted:** Unanimous

### **II. Visitors:**

Christina Marts presented the Teacher – Rangers program at the National Historical Park which Rob Hanson has applied for and has been chosen as a local Teacher – Ranger. This opportunity will allow Rob to be involved in a variety of projects and activities including writing and/or reviewing curriculum-based school activities.

**Motion:** To approve Rob's appointment to the Teacher-Rangers Program at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park

**Moved:** Jay Tracey

**Seconded:** Kevin Lessard

**Accepted:** Unanimous

### **III. Reports:**

#### **Principal:**

Tim is working to get everything ship-shape. The primary end of the building is ready to go. Ava was in for several days to get the computer lab up and running. She still has a few more things to do but was involved in her son's wedding last week. Tim has mounted the new SmartBoard that we received from the WCSU consolidated grant. Eric will be starting the walking track very soon. The little green flags are the guides.

Jenny is running a girls' history camp this week and next week Tammy will be back to complete the second week of summer tutoring. Tammy had sixteen participants both special ed. and those needing just a little boost. This program is paid for through the Medicaid reinvestment program.

Next week our teachers will be participating in the first set of computer workshops as part of the district laptop initiative. Teachers will receive instruction in Microsoft Word, Pixie2 and Inspiration Data. They will then prepare a workshop presentation integrating technology into the curriculum for other teachers in the district and finally they will serve as tutors/mentors to the next group of teachers who take the course. Teachers will be able to keep their laptops upon completion of the course requirements. Participants from Pomfret are, Jean Souter, Barb Leonard, Sarah Woodhead, Jenny Hewitt and Rob Hanson.

On Friday Aug. 22 Pam Lessard, Donna Hay, Lisa Usilton, and I will participate in a workshop that will concentrate on Microsoft Word for Macs along with an introduction to the new Macs and a quick review of Kidspiration and Pixi. This will give us a leg up when asked to help students with projects.

Our staff will be meeting on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. After some basic housekeeping work, we will begin to look at two identified areas to flesh out from last spring's workshop. One of the areas is developing a system of mentoring new staff and a way to keep all part-time staff in the loop. The second area will be a look at how to schedule team planning time, curriculum work, and staff meetings. For each area we will be developing a time line with specific steps and who will be responsible for carrying out those steps.

Numbers for the upcoming school year - eight tuition students and eighty-two students total. Kindergarten 8, first 14, second grade 9, third grade 9, fourth grade 14, fifth grade 16, and sixth grade 12.

**Board Members:**

The board is reviewing 3 bids for the replacement of the front half of the roof. The 3 bids were discussed and we are waiting on a report from an insulation company scheduled to be onsite in mid August. Vermont Roofing provided a few hours of work to stop the current leaks until the new roof is in place. The board is still looking for a person to manage the roof/heating/air exchange review/repair project.

**IV. Action/Discussion:**

Dugout Design – the group requesting the dugouts will be providing drawings for design review at a later date.

Walking/running Trail location was reviewed and repositioned to have minimal to no impact on the athletic fields. We are hoping to have it completed this fall.

**V. Executive Session:**

None required

**VI. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

- Pomfret School Board, Monday, September 15th, 2008, 5:30 P.M., Pomfret School Library

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Lessard