

**Regional School Unit 78
School Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2022 6:00 p.m.
RLRS Multi-Purpose Room**

Masks are required for all those in attendance

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Kathleen Catrini, Dallas Plt		Karen Seaman, Rangeley	
Joanna Farrar, Dallas Plt	X	Joanne Dunlap, Rangeley Plt	X
Kayla Alexander, Rangeley	X	Amber Haley, Rangeley Plt	X
Wesley Dugan, Rangeley		Mary Richards-Chair, Sandy River Plt	X
Chris Farmer, Rangeley	X	JoAnne Taylor, Sandy River Plt	
Deborah Ladd-V. Chair, Rangeley	X	Mya Laliberte, Student Rep	

Quorum: /1003

1. Call to Order - 6:01 - Mary Richards calls to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance - done
3. Adjustments to the Agenda –
 - Add presentation by Lindsay Richards will give presentation regarding Winter Kids
4. Approval of Minutes for January 11, 2022 -
 - Motion -Chris Farmer, 2nd -Deborah Ladd, passes unanimously.
5. Public Comments - NONE
6. Presentations:

Lynda Feins – Behavior Incentives

 - Started with assembly defining behavior expectations. Want to create habits of good behavior. Trying to “catch” kids making good choices. Focus on RLRS core

values. Giving kids "R" tokens printed on 3d printer. Students "spend" tokens at the new school store on Friday afternoons.

- MS Students are helping run the store

Shawn Russell -

- Presents about what a 3d printer is and how it works. Thanks to Lucy for starting the 3d printing program. Talks about CAD and design, generally our students and staff are using TinkerCad.
- Printers were donated by Dave & Sandy Perloff. Have donated 100's of printers to schools. Recently donated additional filament to our school.
- Aside from school store, other projects are being done in classrooms - mostly middle school. Students are designing and printing projects. Shawn helps troubleshoot which is great for kids to learn how to problem solve. Katie Willis is working with GT students on creating board games.
- Would like to integrate to other grade spans as well.
- Deb says "Well done."

Lindsay Richards - Winter kids update

- Last week of 4-week program. Competing against 21 other schools. We are the only one in Franklin County competing. First place receives \$10,000. Prizes tier from there. Every school receives at least \$250.
- Theme is Winter Olympics. Kids have received pedometers, snow shoes, other outdoors winter fitness items.
- Week 1 was difficult and cold! Teachers have been very flexible with schedules. Thank you to Linda at Ecopelogicon for hosting ice skating day and hot cocoa and Peter Christiansen for presenting to kids about ice. *Played opening ceremony video for board*
- Week 2 - Nutrition - students got water bottles. Learned about added sugars. Did foods from around the world. Students got to taste a lot of different foods. *showed video from food tasting event* - Thank you to Joanna Ferrar for being last minute guest speaker!
- Week 3 - Family engagement. Sonja, Nini and Shawn spearheaded this week for Lindsay when she had to be out of the building. Family night at the pond. Lots of sponsors and donations made this successful.
- In week 4 now. Podium building, winter sports, competitions, winter carnivals. Rangeley H&W coming to help. WRGY promoting and covering. Closing ceremony on Thursday - Green & Gold day
- All of this information is on the school website if you would like to view it.

Deb - this is the stuff kids will remember.

7. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments

Mary Richards-

- Abby Thompson sent a copy of library newsletter. Everyone should look at it - it is on Facebook and went hard copy to k-5 students.
- Janet Waugaman passed away - had been with RLRS for 20 years and retired in 2020 - Library is named after her. Reggie Hammond (her husband) requested

that any donations in remembrance of Janet be shared with the Rangeley Public Library. To date - \$3200

Georgia Campbell-

- Shout out to
 - Lynda Feins for incentive program. Kids are excited and looking to be better.
 - Lindsay Richards for the time and effort planning WinterKids
 - Joanna Farrar for stepping up and presenting for the kids.
- Update on pavilion/outdoor classroom - Nels Christensen will be doing the work. Materials have arrived, work has begun
- Visit from Stratton - 8-9 families (25 people) came for informal information and tour. Spoke about what sets Rangeley apart from other schools. Barry London (Stratton Superintendent) says there is excitement and he will be presenting to his board. Discussions around transportation and costs.

Mya Laliberte -

- Basketball teams have had a lot of games the last two weeks.
- Ski team is doing well. Conference championships this week. States next week.
- Music students participated in Kennebec Valley Music Festival
- Winnie LaRochelle scored 1,000 points

Seth Laliberte-

- A lot going on!
- Ski Skates are happening at Saddleback!
- Scholastic Art awards - many honorable mentions, silver keys, and gold keys. Our art program never disappoints.
 - Mary - What is silver vs. gold key?
 - Chris Farmer - once art is judged, the keys are awarded in each category. Normally everyone would be invited to a big art show in Portland (Covid). One student is chosen each year to go to the congressional hallway. Having keys in 8th graders is an unusual achievement.
- 12 O'clock releases - good things happening in the building. Shawn gave trainings on website building. Middle school is working on classroom management inter-disciplinary unit. HS working on project. Seth is doing a book study on reading curriculums with elementary teams.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini

- Not Present. Unable to connect.
- Mary - committee met. Went through review of several policies for action items for next meeting.

8.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer – Dissemination of 2022-2023 Budget

- Chris opened presentation: Quick, efficient work as a committee to finish budget draft. Will present tonight and ask for a vote in March after everyone has had a month to review. Will be available to public after vote at March meeting. Board has the full draft packets.
- Georgia discussed fine points of budget synopsis.
- Chris explains municipality allocations
- Chris Farmer - suggests to table vote on budget to March meeting. Mary agrees, was not an action item, merely a presentation for tonight.

8.3 Facilities Committee – D. Ladd

- Met Feb 3rd at 4PM - meetings are scheduled and on website. Only thing being added is new shelving for the library. Looking at whether they can fund that from current budget or not. Potential discussion of adding a keycard entry system for the building.
- Boiler issues - pellet feeder was not working properly, has been fixed
- Elevator passed inspection
- Bleacher issue repaired
- Cabinets being ordered for MS Science room.
- Looking for new flooring options for portable. Jeff gathering information.
- Security camera platform is full. Potential to move a camera in the building.
- Received a presentation from Revision Energy regarding possibility of adding solar panels to school. Gathering information before deciding whether to move forward.

8.4 Communications – Goal #1 – C. Farmer, J. Taylor

- Chris Farmer - will be workshopping combining law guidance with policy guidance and find the right plan for our school. Hoping to talk to other schools.

8.5 Curriculum Committee – Goal #2 – K. Catrini

- Mary Richards - This committee will meet with Seth and Georgia last Monday of the month.

9. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:

- None

10. Action Items:

Mary tables all policy action items to March meetings when Kathy can be available to discuss.

- 10.1 Motion to adopt policy IMGD – Therapy Dogs in School
- 10.2 Motion to adopt policy IMGB-R – Therapy Dogs in School Standards and Procedures
- 10.3 Motion to adopt policy IMGB-E – Request Form for Therapy Dog
- 10.4 Motion to adopt policy IJOC-E – School Volunteer Agreement
- 10.5 Motion to revise policy IJOC – School Volunteers
- 10.6 Motion to revise policy IMF – Teaching About Controversial Issues
- 10.7 Motion to revise policy IMBB – Exemption from Required Instruction

10.8 Motion to rescind policy JGAA – Assignment of Students to Classes –
Five Year Olds

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Chris Farmer, 2nd by Deborah Ladd. Unanimous.

Next meeting: March 8, 2022

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