

Cannon River STEM School
Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 10, 2011
7:00 PM
School Cafeteria

Present: Teri Menard (Chair), Deb Scheil, Chris Broden (CSP grant manager), Caren Putrah, Julie Finnesgaard (Treasurer), Nalani McCutcheon (Executive Director; *ex officio*)

Guests: Ginger Kranz (Curriculum Development Coordinator), Heather Carlin (Parent)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes: minutes tabled for approval next month
- III. Public Comment: no public comment *Chris moved to approve the agenda, Caren seconded, all approved*
- IV. Reports
 - a. Finance Committee Report (Mike/Julie). Report received.
 - b. Staff Report (Deb): K author study of Munsch & human made vs. nature made, reading 3 Billy Goats Gruff and built a bridge that would be quiet; 2nd grade has been interviewing their buddies and writing descriptive paragraphs; 4th grade is studying the transfer of energy and getting ready for their windmill unit; 5th grade is studying the causes of the American Revolution and working on primary sources and using at least 3 resources; 6th grade is working on persuasive writing and working on the Wolcott Mills project; 7th grade is working on online wiki book reviews; K-4 went to the visiting author Alison McGhee; 5th-7th are very excited to be in their new space; 6th-7th are working on how recess can look for them; Art—some classes are working on printmaking, many students have their artwork on display at the Paradise Center for the Arts; Music—some classes are working on composition; School Science Fair was a success—we had 13 participants in the fair and have 6 students going on to the regional science fair, the judges enjoyed the students’ work and one judge said “it gives me hope for the future.”
 - c. Executive Director’s Report (Nalani): lottery is done and went very quickly and very smoothly
- V. Discussion Items
 - a. Math Curriculum – First Review

- VI. Action Items
- a. 2010-2011 Calendar Amendment (snow date in February): *Deb motioned to approve, Chris seconded, all approved*
 - b. 2011 -2012 Calendar Approval: *Chris motioned to approve the calendar as is, Deb seconded; Chris and Julie voted to approve, Caren, Deb, and Teri voted against; Deb motioned to change the calendar to have Dec. 21st as a school day and Jan. 2nd is not a school day, but a staff development day, Caren seconded, Deb, Teri, Caren, Julie voted to approve, Chris voted against.*
 - c. Family and Medical Leave Policy
 - d. Director Vacation Request: *Deb moved to approve, Caren seconded, all approved*
- VII. Adjournment: *Chris motioned to approve, Julie seconded, all approved*