

BOARD MEETING minutes

Saturday, May 09, 2009 9:30 AM-1:30 PM
Where: Rainier Middle School

1. **Welcome**
2. **Old Business:**
 - a. Approval of last minutes from April 18, 2009 Board Meeting
3. **New Business:**
 - a. **Voting for President and President Elect and Board Member at Large**
 - b. **Getting Ready for Next Annual Conference:**
 - i. Determine theme & possible keynote speakers April 23-24, 2010; Rainier MS? Close to GRCC, good tech, Promethean white boards, clickers; not as close to hotels. Friday sessions DE. Kent? Have to talk to Kent. Jack Berckemeyer Sat keynote. Rick Wormelli; Schools to Watch –high criteria; Debbie has packet of materials, recommends we look into and decide
 - ii. Location update (Debbie & Ben) ****GET on OSPI calendar, put on website SAVE THE DATE; Seattle area**
Decide on theme Alternative Energy; Surviving and Thriving in the Middle Level
 - c. **Bylaws & Election Process**
 - i. Review bylaws & make necessary changes
 - d. **WAMLE Newsletter:** Note: This is a work session – bring your computer!
 - i. Next newsletter due
 - ii. Decide on theme and write an article
 - e. **WAMLE's Role with Other Organization**
 - i. Teaming up with OSPI
 - ii. WAMLE's role in teaming up with Oregon's affiliation to prepare for upcoming NMSA Conference

Need strands to promote key elements to support our theme
Alternative Energy in Tough Times <neg>;
Alternative Energy to **Power Adolescent** Middle Level Learning;
Kick-Start
Powering up Middle Level Learners; Stimulus Package

Timeline:

GET on OSPI calendar, put on website SAVE THE DATE; Seattle area

Develop Strands:

Classroom management

Envoy, Love & Logic

Schedule for the day

Marketing plan & timeline

Contact keynote speakers/Presenters

Newsletter on website

Draft mailing – save the date; invite to present once we know strands; (remember teachers mailing addresses are usually school – will not be there over the summer)

Connie recommended we stay close to Jan

Send revised By-laws and Constitution to everyone after today's meeting

Do we need a Parliamentarian/ copy of Robert's Rules of Order?

Each person brings printed copies of by-laws to Shelton meeting June 13th.

Newsletter theme:

Alternative Energy to Power Adolescent Middle Level Learning;

Energize the teachers – teacher mini-grants out there – how to find them (Keith); matching grants (Brian); Ron Clark 55 Rules ...; Jack Berckemeyer; Rick Wormeli

Classroom Management

Differentiated Instruction

Standards Based Instruction & Assessment

Thinking about homework, involve OSPI,

Little kid in Dallas School District - You Tube

Sonia Nieto – professor – *What keeps teachers going?*

Sherman Alexie - Disenfranchised kids

Connie – farewell address

Keith - Summer reading lists – for kids, for teachers

Debbie – book review- *The Art of Possibility*

Michael J. Fox – *The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist*

Brian - Advisory

Email newsletter to principal of each school

Dotty - Section for conference in newsletter

Ben – article about HOUSS

Rick – budget report – put in fine print on website – have Rick email annual document report

Need list for postcards

Affiliations

Keith will contact and ask about partnering: Alan Burke – middle level education, at OSPI

Deputy Superintendent; Ask where he sees room for collaboration

WASCD – approached a few years ago; conflicts

WEA Mary Lindquist –(Keith)

PTA

Non-certificated interest base (paras, etc.)

Principal's association – AWSP – Ben emailing Don Rash

Debbie – list of schools with middle level programs, but no contact people

ACLU – tracking, contact person; test scores driven; Algebraic Thinking = lower-end math kids

Oregon Middle Level Association - Debbie will contact, see about partnering

Schools: Ben: City University, Green River CC,

WAEYC – Washington Association for Education of Young Children

State Alternative Learning Group WALA