

WAMLE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 16, 2010

From 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Black Hall – Central Washington University
Ellensburg, WA

1. Welcome: Debbie, Cindy, Steph, Janie, Rick, Ben. Absent: Brian

2. Old Business:

- a. Approval of minutes from September 18, 2010 board meeting – will email revised minutes for voting electronically

3. New Business:

- a. Treasurer's Report – Rick \$4,148.33
- b. Trustee Report from NMSA – Stephanie asked if501c3 – Steph answered yes, Report from Portland 2012 NMSA Conference Committee – Cindy: no meetings to date
- c. Final review and vote on revisions to the Constitution and By-laws Ben moved, Rick seconded, voted unanimously to approve. Debbie will clean up and email to webmaster for posting.
- d. Appointment of Alan Burke to board as a non-voting member Debbie nominated Alan Burke to be non-voting member of board. Dotty moved we accept, Steph and Janie seconded, unanimously voted to approve. Debbie also nominated student member, Delaney Delong, a senior 'go-getter' student who put together middle-level club, going to Baltimore to present with Debbie, as non-voting member of board. Steph moved we accept, Rick seconded, voted and approved unanimously.
- e. Material for website (e.g. WEA) – Dotty separate advocate and education links – if bills on floor, give alert, but do not to advocate.; Jan warns to be careful not to politicize
- f. Blogs, micro-lobbying, CSTP – Ben and Janie 2 types of messages going out. 1. What it's like in the middle school, doesn't have to be political. Great stories in middle school 2. Call to Action – not what to do. Cindy recommended wording like "What do you think about this?" Post some specific links, messages? Ben –we're absent, not in the discussion. Problem managing input, we're invisible. NMSA is talking about a getting a voice. Ben feels we need Twitter, Facebook, Blog, YouTube eventually. Debbie: New course standards out there, bringing up lots of conversation.
- g. Ben offered to have a Wordpress page with disclaimer, which he would screen. Does Middle School need an endorsement?
- h. Steph moved we allow Ben to create WAMLE twitter account, Janie seconded, unanimously approved. Cindy moved we create a monitored blog by Ben, Dotty seconded, unanimously approved. Ben is blogmaster, will monitor twitter, blog, and facebook.
- i. Twitter: WAMLE@live.com, Yourvoiceinthemiddle – Ben will send official links to post; move Facebook link up and enlarge. Post Janie's editorial she brought to meeting on blog.
- j. Add Edmodo and CSTP links on Resources page
- k. Advocacy meetings – December 3, 2010
 1. Date and time confirmed with State Superintendent Randy Dorn – established agenda for meeting; include Steph, Debbie, Ben and Cindy
 2. Others to contact for possible meetings Ben discussed, recommended coordinate meetings; Debbie gave list of Early Learning & K-12 Education;
 3. Update on survey for teachers and administrators – Stephanie have 20 responses, more lengthy; Steph will send link to survey so I can post on WAMLE website; send Steph email addresses of our educational contacts for her to send survey to.
 4. Work on WAMLE focus worksheet - Debbie
 5. Other
- l. Other
 1. CWU chapter of CMLA – Monday goes before student senate to be approved as an official club.
- m. Next meeting – Date November 20 Place: Auburn