



Bemidji Homeless Advisory Team

Thursday, December 11, 2014

District Board Room

Members Present: Michael Erickson, Stephanie Hubbard, Angie Lauderbaugh, Greg Liedl, Kathy Palm, Ken Stevens, Tami Wesely

Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with a review November 6, 2014, meeting minutes. Members are asked to share any corrections with Kathy.
2. Angie provided a review of Homeless Awareness Week, which was very successful. The chicken dinner was well attended, and they ran out of food for the second time. The silent auction gathered \$1,700. Because of the publicity of the homeless issue, they had 50 or more volunteers.

The November 14, Northwest Region McKinney Vento training was also a success, and the evaluations were positive. Several requested a meeting earlier in the fall and again in the spring. Some requested quarterly meetings, but no one wanted monthly meetings. Several were disappointed that Roberto Reyes did not attend, but they all liked Angie and Greg's presentation. Roberto has requested that Angie send a Google doc to the attendees with more homeless information, and Tami will help her with that.

Greg and Angie have been asked to again present at the Evergreen conference March 26. We could also ask Nancy and Renae to present the AEC's program for educating the Evergreen students.

3. Due to all of the publicity of the McKinney Vento program, Angie has been approached by several community members who would like to volunteer for the program. It is a lot of work organizing activities for volunteers, and they all would need a background check. The district covers that cost for volunteers. If Angie has a special project, she could ask them to come in. Her schedule is not always easy to follow because she focuses on students' needs and crisis situations. We suggested that Angie direct these volunteers to Village of Hope, SOS, Women's Shelter, and the schools.
4. We discussed transportation issues including a highly transient family and the Super 8 bus stop. We are lucky the Transportation department is so good at trying to meet students' needs, but it is a challenge this year because of the lack of bus drivers. That is limiting their ability to provide special schedules and vehicles.
5. Angie and Nancy will present McKinney and homeless Friday, December 12, for the Title I Parent Advisory Council. That presentation is always well received, and the parents enjoy knowing how Title I supports all students.



6. Nancy Lundt has requested attending training in the Cities. She should write a staff development grant to the AEC to have that covered. We have limited McKinney Vento funds for travel and registrations, and that is set aside for Angie.
7. MDE will monitor Bemidji's Title I, II & homeless January 12-16, 2015. Roberto Reyes will come to interview Angie, and prior to that, Kathy will meet with Angie to discuss the documentation she needs. Angie has put homeless posters at all of the schools, and she will make sure the nonpublic schools also have them.
8. Our next meeting date is Thursday, January 22, 2015, at Angie's office at Transportation. We will get to see all the resources she has available for homeless students.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.