

**MINUTES**  
**TRCS Special Work Session Board Meeting**  
**November 3rd, 2014**  
**4:00pm - 6:00pm**  
**Two Rivers Community School, Board Room**

**Mission**

The Mission of Two Rivers Community School is to cultivate in every student:

- **Passion for learning** and high achievement through creating rigorous, interdisciplinary learning experiences on topics relevant to the students that culminate in original work aimed at engaging and positively impacting the community and the world.
- **Deep, supportive relationships** among staff, students, families, and the community through the small school setting, multi-age classes, a two-year teacher commitment and high parental involvement.
- **Respect** for and interest in human diversity through second language acquisition and cross-cultural studies that build a broader world perspective and essential collaboration skills to become leaders in our changing world.

**Vision Statement**

The Vision of Two Rivers Community School is to be an exemplary K-8 school founded upon the belief in Academic Rigor, Authentic Relationships, and Curricular Relevancy.

**Meeting facilitated by:** Adriana Hire

**Attending:** Harry Garner, Jen Cramer, Rebecca Ruland, Adriana Hire, Rachel Connor, Melody Massih-Olszewski

**Call to order:** 4:07pm

**Approve 10/20/14 minutes** - Motion made by Melody to accept the 10/20 minutes. Rachel made a 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Public comment:** No comments

1. Review and approval of TRCS 2014-2015 School Budget

The goal of the discussion is to review budget, not approve. Approval will take place at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Nov. 17th.

Thorough review of budget, with updates and discussion on the negative factor, loans, repayment, contingency and unknown utility costs.

Adriana will revise numbers and send revised budget prior to Nov. 17th meeting.

2. Action regarding TRCS & Director MOU

No action taken.

3. **Discussion regarding facilities**

Architect Harry Garner recommending that we do not pursue modulares. More information on yurts needed. Harry will need to talk to someone at the state. Rachel will follow up with Brandon at Routt County Charter in Steamboat and Colorado Yurt Company to gather more information.

We need full walls, owner is open to them. Rebecca will get bids/estimates for one wall between Nims and Herrera. One wall between Canady and Houseman. We also need two additional classrooms ideally for Spanish and 8th grade. Harry will talk to Neuman.

The dock area can be converted to house additional space, however owner doesn't want to touch bays. Conditioning the space remains an issue in that area. Rebecca will find the bid for renovating the dock area.

Jen will investigate additional acoustic solutions with acoustic engineer.

**Facility Priorities:**

- natural light, lighten up the dark floors
- sound mitigation, walls
- Playground

The goal: collect bids and more information on costs of all options and then figure out a way to cover the costs outside of the operating budget.

A request was made to prioritize facility master programming parallel to all other efforts.

**Additional items:**

Updated and revised Job Descriptions will be shared before next meeting.

Board recruitment update - two more strong members sought. Areas of expertise/professional skills needed are in the financial management/accounting, banking, fundraising. Also, TRCS need strong latino representation with experience in community development. The goal is to recruit two new members before years end, then begin strategic planning and goal setting process after the first of the year.

Adjournment - 7:00pm