

KNOVA LEARNING OREGON (RPA)
Board of Directors Regular Meeting - Agenda
Tuesday, April 8th @ 4:00 PM. Student Services Building

Chair Fladoos called the meeting to order and roll was taken at 4:00 PM. Roll: Chair Fladoos, Dir. Salami, Dir. Nicewood, Tonya Mosher (Virtual), Dir. Kurzenhauser, Dir. Long (Absent) **Staff:** Nelsen, McCollum (virtual), Barnard (virtual), Pescitelli **Guests:** Gwen Kenworthy

Announcements:

- Mr. Nelsen has secured a new partnership that will provide RPA and I Heart Rockwood with donations of new apparel—126 cases (equivalent to a large U-Haul truck)—three times per year, with an estimated value exceeding \$100,000 per delivery. Though primarily adult-sized, some smaller items will be available to stock the RPA clothing closet. John is working with community groups and leaders to create a sustainable distribution network.
- The "Countdown to Kindergarten" event will be held Thursday, April 10, at 6:00 PM. This event launches RPA's relationship with incoming kindergarten families. Parents will meet teachers, tour classrooms, and learn about our curriculum. (Att.1)
- Board Indemnity Coverage Follow-up: Mr. Nelsen is coordinating with Assured Partners (insurance provider) to schedule a summer training session for the Board of Directors, which will include in-depth coverage of indemnity insurance.

Report: Bond Projects Under Way! The south parking lot paving and striping was completed during spring break, adding 78 new parking spaces—the results are impressive! This marks the beginning of our construction phase. Mr. Nelsen presented progress updates and plans for summer construction projects. The current RFP timeline was reviewed. (Att. 2 & 3) Dir. Nicewood raised a question regarding handicap-accessible parking spots. Dir. Kurzenhauser and Dir. Salami will review proposals (opening April 28) and supports extending the project timeline to 2026. Next month's report will detail finalized projects and selected contractors.

Discussion: 2025-26 Enrollment: Countdown to Kindergarten (formerly Kindergarten Roundup) is on April 10th. Currently, 75 out of 78 kindergarten spots are filled. We expect to reach full kindergarten enrollment during the April 11 Countdown to Kindergarten event. First grade (78), second grade (78), and fifth grade (52) are at capacity. Third and fourth grades each have 8 openings, with current enrollment at 69 and 68 students, respectively. Based on these numbers, Mr. Nelsen projects total enrollment of 425-430 students for September. (Att. 4) The budget is based on 400 enrolled students. Current year attrition (2024-25) stands at 426 students. Mr. Nelsen will advertise for new third and fourth-grade students.

Presentation/Discussion: Student Achievement: Nicole Pescitelli provided an overview of 2024-25 student performance. She shared results from this year's STAR testing and made projections for upcoming state testing performance. Mr. Nelsen discussed concerns about the "post-COVID shift" in staff and student attendance patterns and its impact on our ability to achieve our mission. (Att. 5) Addition: Gwen Kenworthy, ELD Coordinator, presented on ELPA (English Language Proficiency Assessment). Currently, 43% of students (164) are in ELD, representing 16 different languages. She compared outcomes to the previous year. Preliminary testing results show an increased percentage of students who have tested out of ELD services in 2024-2025 and achieved English language proficiency, though final results are still pending.

Discussion: 2025-26 Annual Budget Review: 2025-26 Annual Budget Review: We are developing our 2025-26 budget and are currently within \$160,000 of being balanced. Tonya led a discussion on accounting changes resulting from our campus refinancing. Dir. Nicewood and Dir. Kurzenhauser will join budget committee (Monday, April 21, 10:00 AM Virtual) with Nelsen, Tonya, and the Principals to finalize the 2025-26 budget for BOD approval at the May meeting.

FLOOR MOTION: Dir. Kurzenhauser moved to accept the 2025-26 budget draft, Chair Fladoos seconded. Motion passes 5-0.

Discussion: February and March 2025 Financials (Action): February and March 2025 Financials (Action): The Board reviewed and discussed the February and March 2025 financial reports provided by True-Blue Accounting. Tonya Mosher was present to address Board questions. (Monthly financials were sent directly to directors in separate emails.

MOTION: Director Fladoos moved to accept the February and March 2025 financials, seconded by Director Kurzenhauser. Motion passed 5-0.

Public to Be Heard: The board provides this opportunity for community members to make comments to the board on matters pertaining to the school. To ensure that as many people that wish to make comments get that chance, the Board respectfully asked that comments be no more than 5-min in length.

February 2025 Minutes (Action): The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 2025 Board of Directors meeting. (Att. 7)

MOTION: Director Salami moved to accept the February 2025 Board minutes, seconded by Director Pete. Motion passed 5-0.

New Discussion: Dir. Kurzenhauer raised concerns about potential challenges related to recent Department of Education changes, tariffs, and DEI initiatives. He specifically noted the likely impact on construction material costs. Dir. Nicewood discussed changes to community programming (Rockwood Library, Shelters) and their potential impact on the community during the summer months.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 13, 2025