

# WJMS ACCOUNTABILITY MINUTES

February 2019

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*Date | 2/11/2019 | Meeting called to order by Sara Gilloth*

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## In Attendance

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Amy Gutierrez Baker	Sarah Chase	Salesa Hancock	John Seevers
Jessica Bartak	Steve Cox	Patti MacLennan	Heather Swegle
Kate Broyles	Sara Gilloth	Sara Miller	
Amy Carman	Kim Halingstad	David Schoenhals	

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## Approval of Minutes

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The January minutes were distributed to staff via e-mail and posted on the school website. A motion was made (Miller), seconded (Broyles), and passed to accept the January minutes without revisions.

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## Principal's Report

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David Schoenhals gave the principal's report. There was a conversation at a district leaders' meeting last week about snow days and mountain area-only closures. The district wants it to be clear that it is possible to cancel school just for mountain area schools as needed and that families are always welcome to call in their student(s) for an excused absence when they feel that weather conditions are an issue.

He asked the committee for feedback regarding a 2-hour delay schedule, where school would start two hours later but end at the regular time. Opinions were shared both for and against using a delay schedule: what if staff are unable to get to school, what if a delay is called but then school gets cancelled, what impact a delayed schedule would have on families' work schedules. It was asked whether we already have snow day make-up days built into the district calendar.

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## New Business

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### Guest Presentation: Boys & Girls Club

When David Schoenhals was hired last year, he noticed there was a community need for before and after school activities. He confirmed the need in conversations with community and staff, then began looking at programs to provide those opportunities to our students and community.

Amy Carman and Jessica Bartak of [Boys & Girls Clubs of the High Rockies](#) were guests at the meeting. Boys & Girls Clubs runs year-round programs in Bailey and Fairplay. They deliver their mission "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens" through programming to build and sustain academic success, good character and leadership, and healthy lifestyles.

Programming is built in response to local needs, such as before-school elementary programming or being open all day Friday to accommodate a four-day school week. There's an individualized element to the program as well, and STEM activities are all evidence-based with a wealth of research and purpose behind them.

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For our pilot year, there is no minimum number of students needed to run the program. If the program grows to more than 25-30 students, there will be a need to look at locations. Staffing is usually 2-3 adults. Participating families would pay \$35 per month; the overall program operation costs about \$30,000 per year and would mostly come from grants.

Questions asked about the program:

- What will flexibility look like? Who coordinates drop-in registration?
- Once there are 30 students and the number increases, what happens next? What's the contingency plan?
- Are there standby volunteer staff for shifts in numbers of students? (cleared and checked for duty)
- If the program operating cost is not for direct fees, what does it cover?
- What local businesses could be contacted about supporting the program?
- Exactly how much money is needed to greenlight this work? If we have one-third of the projected program costs, what are we looking at for an ongoing commitment?
- The middle school program in Bailey was funded by a grant and when the grant ended, it closed. How will we have longevity for the program?
- Is the \$35/month membership a Boys & Girls Club standard? Is it flexible?

Social-Emotional Learning Specialist David Fennimore and Dean of Students JP Squires will serve as the school's points of contact for the program and will be meeting soon to look at spaces and details. If you are interested in working on a committee to continue working on after school activities and the Boys & Girls Club discussion, please contact Sara Gilloth.

## School Start Time Task Force

The [School Start Time Task Force](#) has made their recommendations to the Board of Education for adjusting middle and high school start times: all middle and high schools would start a half-hour later next year than they currently do, then all middle schools start at 8 am and all high schools at 8:30 am beginning in the fall of 2020. These are recommendations, not policy, and are absent of transportation input. A group representing principals, schools and transportation group will be needed to work on fleshing out ideas.

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## Open Forum

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No time was available for Open Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

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## Next Meeting

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Date: 3/11/2019

Time: 2:35

Location: WJMS Library