

Academy startup awarded four planning grants

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“We will award up to 15, \$100,000 planning grants over the three-year term of our federal Charter Schools Program grant,” Donovan said.

So far, four planning grants have been awarded, she added.

Simmons said the grant application detailed the school’s 5-year planning efforts, provided budget details and indicated where funds would be allocated. All costs in the application were approved.

“It’s just a matter of us executing the plan and getting reimbursed,” Simmons said. “They were quite impressed with our grant, so much so they’re making our application a model for future applications.”

Where money will go

The largest portion of the grant funds are slated to be used for training educators in the school’s curriculum. Another \$10,000 will go to three months of salaries for the director and ESL teacher. “This will really allow those two individuals to really iron out any issues with our program and prepare our program for implementation,” Simmons said.

As much as \$30,000 will go to classroom

equipment and curriculum expenses.

The academy applied for the grant with the assistance of the Seaside School District, a co-operation “which is not always common,” Simmons said. “Oftentimes there can be friction between a charter school and a district, because the district sees the charter school as taking away a source of revenue. My experience is the district, particularly within the past year, has been incredibly supportive. They’re really trying to help us pull this off.”

Something ‘unique’

Enrollment at Cannon Beach Academy is limited to 22 students. “It’s offering something a bit unique,” Simmons said.

Families not only in Cannon Beach but in Seaside, Gearhart and other portions of Clatsop County in the Seaside School District will benefit from the school’s Spanish language component and direct instruction curriculum design, he said. “If they want this curriculum, it’s open to them,” Simmons said. “It’s great for the district. It will encourage folks to move here because of this choice, I believe.”

With enrollment underway, the academy’s lease agreement at 171 Sunset Boulevard is nearly complete.



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Cannon Beach Academy board members Patti Rouse, Barb Knop, Sally Steidel, Phil Simmons and Kellye Dewey with Jeneé Pearce-Mushen, Yohali and Alondra, at a November potluck in Cannon Beach.

Renovations include “moving a few walls and putting some paint in there,” Simmons said, as well as meeting compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Improvements will begin after the lease is complete.

“We’ve got a budget for it and we don’t anticipate any significant problems,” Simmons said.

Fall enrollment at Academy now open

Fall enrollment for Cannon Beach Academy is underway. The academy opens with grades K-2 with a growth plan of one grade per year until serving kindergarten through fifth-grade classes. Cannon Beach Academy is a public, tuition-free charter school part of the Seaside School District. The academy offers a curriculum consisting of direct instruction and the core knowledge sequence. Class sizes are limited.

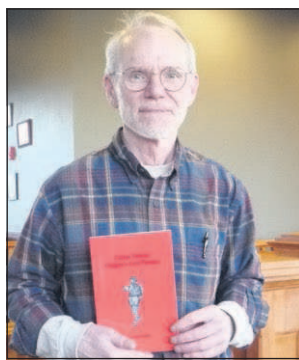
The academy offers Spanish language exposure and provides a focus on the arts, working with local artists to provide a rich experience.

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Author shares legacy of Oregon pioneer

Calvin Tibbets is topic at History and Hops speaker series event

By Rebecca Herren
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Author Jerry Sutherland giving a presentation on Oregon's first pioneer Calvin Tibbets who built the first gristmill in Clatsop County.

icans in Oregon before Tibbets were sailors, fur trappers, explorers and scientists,” he said.

His book “Calvin Tibbets: Oregon’s First Pioneer” begins with Nathaniel Wyeth and 11 American men meeting Hudson’s Bay Co. chief factor John McLoughlin, who realized he had competition for the region, if as he suspected, Wyeth along with Hall Kelley would succeed in their plans to build a colony in Oregon, a subject of dispute with the British. “Many early settlers came to Oregon to get free land and they weren’t going to get it if Britain took over because at that point in time it was all mutually owned between Great Britain and the United States,” said Sutherland.

Wyeth and Kelley would fail in their ventures, but Tibbets, being one of the men they brought to Oregon, would become an Oregon pioneer by forging good relationships with his Canadian neighbors and native tribes, even living on a Native American diet in order to pave the way for other Americans to follow.

Portland author Jerry Sutherland’s research and discovery into pioneer Calvin Tibbets is a work in progress. He first became fascinated with Tibbets when his father, Art Sutherland, saw the name in a historical article and decided to do a little genealogy research given that Jerry’s mother’s maiden name was Tibbetts. No relationship was found, but Sutherland continued the research into Tibbets as a man who traveled to Oregon with a specific goal: to settle here permanently and make it part of the emerging United States landscape.

Sutherland, who spoke at the History and Hops speaker series at the Seaside Brewing Co. Thursday, Feb. 23, explained how sometimes the research was challenging due to the many ways the name is spelled — most commonly, he said, is T-i-b-b-e-t-t-s and T-i-b-b-i-t-s. “It wasn’t until I found documents signed by him that I knew what the correct spelling was.”

Oregon in 1832

When Tibbets traveled to Oregon in 1832, the area was still contested between Great Britain and the United States. Hudson’s Bay Co. had practical control over the entire region and its French-Canadian employees were preparing to develop farms along the Willamette River upon their retirement. “The only Amer-

Public hearing slated to pick contractor

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Through the use of dynamic cost-control modeling, the project’s budget and expenditures are constantly updated and tracked, not only for real costs, but also for trends. The benefit of doing so, Kulkarni said, is by detecting a negative upward trend early, “you have the opportunity to correct the course and bring it down.”

Portland-based Dull Olson Weekes-IBI Group Architects is providing design and architecture services for the project. The next step is finding a general contractor.

A public hearing will take place at the board’s next meeting, March 21.

After approval, the board can bring a contract manager and general contractor on board.

Selection will be a collaborative process involving DAY CPM and school board members, staff and community members serving on a panel.

“This is a very important decision for the district,” Day said.

Ron White, a community outreach coordinator with DAY CPM, said the firm intends to emphasize community engagement throughout the project.

They brought surveys to the meet-and-greet event and the school board meeting to collect input from attendees. Future engagement may include town hall and neighborhood meetings. The firm also intends to communicate through a project website that will run through the school



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Joshua Dodson and Mike Day of DAY CPM.

district’s Web portal.

In other news:

• Hannah Sirpless, a senior associate with Pauly, Rogers and Company, presented via conference call results from the district’s 2015-16 audit. The firm issued an unmodified opinion and concluded there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. “In short, it’s a clean audit,” Sirpless said. As part of their report, the firm offered a few best practices the district could pursue to help mitigate risk in future years. Best practices are not significant deficiencies, but suggestions on behalf of the firm, Sirpless said, adding, “it’s impossible to have everything perfect within a district, especially a small district, so our best practices are just our comments and items we want the board and management to

be aware of.”

• The board unanimously approved a resolution to adopt the Oregon Short Term Fund Board’s short-form investment policy, which will allow the district to invest proceeds from the sale of its

general obligation bonds for longer than 18 months.

Since the project’s completion is scheduled for beyond 18 month, adopting the policy lets the district make more profitable investments with some of the bond funds that aren’t needed up front, business manager Justine Hill said. The sale of the general obligation bonds — valued at about \$99.7 million — was finalized Feb. 28 and the funds will be delivered mid-March.

• The board unanimously authorized Hill and Superintendent Sheila Roley to be signatories of a new local government investment pool account that will be set up for funds relating to the school construction project. The district has two other accounts through the pool, administered by the Oregon State Treasury. The new account “is going to be specifically for the bond,” to keep funds separated, Hill said.

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