

Scholar Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Location: 928 North 100 East, Tooele, UT 84074

In Attendance: Sandra Larsen, Tye Hoffmann, Allison McCoy, Dusty Griffith, Joyce James

Not In Attendance: Jared Hamner

Others In Attendance: Gavin Hutchinson (Academica West), Shirley Atkinson (Academica West), Trish Trammell (Academica West)

Scholar Academy is committed to creating a learning environment that fosters in students the development of divergent thinking and problem solving skills, providing opportunities which enable all students to develop a sense of civic responsibility and achieve their highest potential.

MINUTES

5:06PM – CALL TO ORDER by Sandra Larsen

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – The Board presented thank you gifts to Scot Vorwaller (Custodian), Dusty and Rena Griffith (PTO), and Tracy Boulton (Kitchen Manager)

Tye Hoffman made a motion at 5:11pm to enter into Closed Session. Allison McCoy seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Tye Hoffman – Aye, Allison – Aye, Sandra Larsen – Aye, Joyce James – Aye. Voting was unanimous and motion passed. All members of the public were excused.

CLOSED SESSION - Discuss an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health.

Dusty Griffith made a motion at 5:38pm to return to Open Session. Joyce James seconded the motion. Voting was as follows: Tye Hoffman – Aye, Allison – Aye, Sandra Larsen – Aye, Joyce James – Aye. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

CONSENT ITEMS - *Dusty Griffith made a motion to approve the below listed Consent Items. Allison McCoy seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.*

- ❖ Approve August 19, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ New Employees: Heidi Forsyth (TA SPED and Title I), Marilyn Howarth (Violin Teacher), Isabella Gerald (Office TA), Roxanna Scow (Special Education, Title I TA)

REPORTS

- ❖ Director's Report . *Fall bonus \$ amounts at the next meeting that the Board can approve. Spring will be more performance-based. Performance Pay Plan breakdown is in the Principal's Report. Monies will come from the Title IIA funds.*

Parent survey results brought at the next Board Meeting. Sandy will also bring more teacher data when she present the bonus \$ recommendation. She is wanting up to \$300 for certain employees, and then gift certificates for other employees. The Board discussed having a Christmas party or get-together so they can hand out the checks/gifts to the staff.

Sandy would like to hold a "Parent Night" to discuss the SAGE results so everyone can understand the grading. State-wide it is about 42% proficiency of students passing the test. There are excellers or those that virtually fail most – there's not a lot of "in-between" scores. She will set a meeting probably the week after Halloween after sending out paperwork to the parents and explain what it all means. SA won't get a school grade this year. Sandra will sign a School Grading Exemption Request Form so they won't be graded at all this year.

Dusty asked Sandy what the top two things that bother her and that she'd like to change would be... 1. How math is being taught but she'll work on this with her staff 2. _____

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Discussed and/or Voted On)

Allison McCoy made a motion to approve the listed subcontractors. Dusty Griffith seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

- ❖ Approve Subcontractors: Wells Cutting Edge (amounts based on contract), Frogtummy Enterprises (website at \$60/hr), ABSI-LLC (speech services with Carin Hadley at \$60/hr), Busybeetherapy (OT services with Stormy Hill and Linda Pabst for \$65/hr), Grantsville Child and Family Counseling (counseling with Betsy Henniger at \$65/hr), Academica West (management company)

Allison McCoy made a motion to approve the Trust Land Plan as outlined in the Board Packet and the Board as the Committee with another parent committee established under the direction of the Principal to give additional recommendations for the 2014-2015 SY. Tye Hoffmann seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

- ❖ Trust Land Plan Budget and Committee

Tye Hoffmann made a motion to approve the UCA Plan. Dusty Griffith seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

- ❖ Utah Consolidated Application (UCA)

Dusty Griffith made a motion to accept the amended budget. Joyce James seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous and motion passed.

- ❖ Accept Amended Budget

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ❖ GBOT – Sandra Larsen *due date is December 30th to have all of them done. (1-15 are available). Sandy says that there was a state meeting saying there is a new accountability system for Boards and the GBOTS may go away ☺. That will be announced later if that is the fact. ALL NEED TO BE DONE BEFORE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING. Joyce and Dusty are pretty much done. Just check on Dusty's and Sandra's scores that aren't showing up.*
- ❖ ~~FAQs Open Meetings Act~~ — Brandon Fairbanks **SOME OTHER MONTH**
- ❖ Board Questions for Fall Survey – Joyce James
- ❖ Action Items:

CALENDARING

- ❖ November 18, 2014 Board Meeting – 5:00PM, Location: Scholar Academy
- ❖ *Christmas party: December 12th or 13th... Sandy will check with faculty. Held at the school or someplace else? 120 people.*

Chad at Denny's helped out a lot with food at the school and he's having a project for the "needy". Maybe students can help with service learning. Donate money, deliver meals, etc.

Sandy wants to do a float and the choir will sing for Santa at the Christmas parade. Thanksgiving weekend.

Dusty. Allison. 7:16 unanimous.

7:00PM ADJOURN by Sandra Larsen