

Vista School Board Meeting

September 16, 2015 Minutes

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

Board members present: Neil Walter (Board Chair), Gail Neumann, Brad Owen, John Berger

Others present: Sam Gibbs (Director), Troy Bradshaw (Technology Director), Marie Ehlers (School Counselor), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary), Abe Nickle, Liz Barkley, Joy Burton, Michelle Rowan, Aimee Hansen, Erika Romero, Kari Ingram, Chelsey Clarkson, Christine France, Bruce Hatch

5:00 PM - Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Neil Walter

Bette Ariel and MaryAnn Oram excused from meeting

5:00 PM - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

❖ August 19, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

John moves to approve minutes, unanimously approved.

5:00 PM - PUBLIC COMMENTS

❖ None

5:15 PM - REPORTS

❖ Director's Report -

○ Faculty/Staff Changes

Hired 2 lunch aides and 1 para-professional for special education.

○ Enrollment and lottery update

Last month- 875 (target and capacity), over subscribed and today enrollment is 903. Still working through a waiting list of 30 students.

○ Recent and upcoming events

Candy Bomber visited school on 9/11, thanks to Marie and Veteran's Home for arranging that. Handed out 900 Hershey bars with Candy Bomber parachute, Vista was on the front page of news, great experience for students.

Heritage days this weekend- parade and student performances

Dixie Round-Up this weekend- parade

VRS, Vocal Expressions performing at Swiss Days next weekend.

Shakespeare Preview next Friday

○ School lunch update

Going well, Sam passed civil rights test, put policies in place for collection and free/reduced lunch. 300+ students per day served. New experience managing unpaid accounts.

○ SAGE Results

Sage results and school report cards went public yesterday. Last year school received grade of a B. This year we received the grade of a C. Growth and proficiency both dropped. We missed getting a B by 1 point. Students who opt out do not affect the grade. Math dropped- looking at what can be done to help students in math.

○ Charter Coordination Meeting Report

Talked about school resources, health for students (nurse), problem solving.

❖ Financial Report – MaryAnn Oram

○ Audit status

○ Review proposed 2016 school year budget

○ Health Insurance Update

○ Employee Manual/Policies and Procedures Updates

All Financial reports are tabled for next month.

5:40 PM - COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ Arts Committee – Bette Ariel

❖ Academic Excellence Committee – Gail Neumann

❖ Technology Committee – Brad Owen

❖ Audit and Finance Committee – John Berger

5:50 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

❖ **Interim Director Recognition**

Board recognized Marie for her position as interim director for 6-7 weeks during the summer. Would like to provide some compensation. Neil moves to approve \$5,000 additional compensation for Marie's work over the summer. Unanimously approved.

❖ **Revisions to 2016 Budget**

None at this point

❖ **Marquee Digital Display Replacement**

Still trying to figure out what to do with display. Neil, Troy, and Sam will meet with Aimee Hansen to look over options for the technology that will be used for the marquee. Aimee talked to Chris Barnum about it, and would also like someone involved with the budget involved in the meeting. Meeting tentatively set up for next Wednesday afternoon.

❖ **Administration goals and Charter Fidelity Amendments**

Neil would like to start process of revising and updating amendments and goals of charter before January. Discussed different ways to go about creating committees for this. Sam will coordinate next step for meetings and connecting with right stakeholders.

❖ **UAPCS Training September 22 @ George Washington Academy**

Training is mostly on communicating in the community with a school of choice. Free training at 5 or 6 pm. Open to anyone who is interested.

❖ **Board Training--Utah Open Public Meetings Act**

New requirement for that to be completed every year. Plan to do it in October at next board meeting.

❖ **Constitutionally Protected Prayer Policy**

Sam proposes to amend 4.2 with "If a teacher does decide to participate, adequate and appropriate supervision will be provided for students who choose not to participate." Wording and necessity of content is discussed.

John moves that from 3.0 and below will be taken out. Brad amends the motion to provide the teacher procedures for prayer in the teacher handbook. Unanimously approved.

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

❖ **Technology Course Offerings in 2016 school year**

MISC COMMENTS

6:30 CLOSED SESSION (if needed)

To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals.

John moves to move into closed session. Unanimously approved.

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