

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda

Feb 8th, 2018, at 6:00 pm

539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Work session of the Board
 - a. Board Training – Finance
 - b. Annual Calendar Review

2. Welcome and open regular session

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement:

The mission of Valley Academy is to provide a superior, character building academic program enhanced by integrated training in fine and performing arts, and a technologically advanced curriculum; *in a Social Emotional Learning environment that promotes responsible freedom.*

4. Dance Performance – Terra Wade and Valley Academy Students

5. Public Comment

Valley Academy's Charter requires, and the Board requests, that you provide written notice to be heard for public comment. Request may be sent to miranda@valleyacademycharter.com. Please plan ahead for your comments to be 3 minutes or less. Due to open meeting regulations, please be aware that the board will not be able to *formally* discuss or take action on items brought up in this meeting's public comment period.

6. Approval of minutes from Jan 11th, 2018, meeting.

7. Approval of minutes from Jan 24th, 2018, special meeting.

8. Approval of minutes from Jan 26th, 2018, special meeting.

9. Approval of opening savings account for the purpose of meeting the required USDA terms.

10. Discussion and possible approval of a Counselor or Assistant Director position.

11. Analysis report from Erin Preston

12. Board Committee Reports

- a. Arts Program Development
- b. Accountability
- c. PR/Marketing
- d. Policy
- e. Development

13. PTO Report

14. How well are the school's finances being managed?

- a. Business Manager's monthly report
- b. Discussion and possible action on any purchase orders over \$1,000.

15. How well are students achieving the outcomes for which the school was chartered?

- a. Mr. Dunkley's monthly report

16. Closed session if needed

17. Any action necessary resulting from discussion in closed session

18. Next meeting *proposed* for Mar 8th, 2018.

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Board Attendance: Michael Palfreyman, Lane Blackmore, Miranda Kloos, Kevin Castro, Alisha Martin, Eva Pelton

Additional Attendance: Janelle Ruesch, Andria Vincent, Nikki Shaw, Amber Bain, Leeanna Fenn, Kelly Fausett, Shawna Iverson, Tara Freiberg, McKel Cleveland, Alicia Wiser, Jessie Gates, Crystal Brown, Steve Brown, Kandis White, Adrienne Jacobs, Tana Hall, Kaylee Hudson, Autumn Rowland, Susan Guber, Callista McGoha, Nate Adams. By phone: Erin Preston

Lane opened work meeting 6:04

Board Training – Nate Adams, Finance

Board Calendar – no items due this month

Lane opened public meeting 6:30

Lane led the Pledge

Kevin C read the mission statement

Dance performance by Terra Wade and her dance students

Public Comment –

Shawna Iverson – read letter to show respect and gratitude to Kevin and Peggy

Tara Freiberg – thanked Peggy and Kevin for their support and guidance

SEL night was a success

Homework Club will provide help to all students from the teachers

Leeanna Fenn- read letter highlighting positives happening in the school, thanked Kevin for everything that he has done to help Title 1, thanked Peggy for all that she has done and supported her

Kevin C motioned to approve the Jan 11, 2018, meeting minutes. Alisha 2nd, all in favor.

Miranda motioned to approve the Jan 24th, 2018, meeting minutes. Eva 2nd, all in favor.

Miranda motioned to approve the Jan 26th, 2018, meeting minutes. Michael 2nd, all in favor.

Alisha motioned to approve opening a savings account to meet the USDA requirements, Kevin C 2nd, Eva, Lane, and Michael in favor. Miranda abstained due to potential conflict of interest with her employment.

Erin Preston – thanked everyone for her visit. Asked for anonymous texts of what was positive and what could be improved. Positives – great love with teachers, dedication to the students, arts, small school, diversity, Title 1, secretaries, autonomy in classroom, support in classroom. Concerns – Board – what direction and how are decisions are going to be made, gossip, unintentional contribution to gossip.

Analysis of positions – Administration is very different than district, Director is responsible for consistency and organization in many different areas, program compliance, financial compliance, enrollment & retention, face of the school to parents, students, community, State Charter Board, Board of Directors

Recommendations – Director must meet the above responsibilities along with setting the culture in the school. Expectations need to be known, professionalism to others, accountable for expectations, recognition for initiatives (lots is happening without others knowing). Deficiencies – need for a counselor, oversight of how behavioral issues are handled. Special Ed Director – with the current number of students and staff, doesn't necessarily need to be replaced. Concerns from staff that it is necessary. Counselor could fill some of those concerns. Recommended counselor to be posted.

Alisha motioned to create a job description and post for a counselor, Kevin C 2nd, all in favor

Arts Committee – nothing to report

Accountability – will be sending out a poll to 5th, 6th, 7th grades to help determine enrollment

Website taskforce

Will be moving survey to late March-beginning of April

3rd Grade Observations – rotate for ELA, have had great progression, all have 1-to-1

Chromebooks, SEL – evident in all classes,

PR/Marketing – no updates

Policy – Michael and Kevin will continue. Miranda will forward policies and names of committee members

Development – Safe Routes to School still moving forward, Garden Club – will start cleaning up the garden area and have assigned each grade a task, Feb 24th – 8:30 am – Garden Day

PTO – Christie has stepped down, currently on hiatus until replacement can be found

No further updates from Red Apple

No Director Report

8:10 Kevin C motioned to move into closed session to discuss character and competence of an individual , Alisha 2nd, Eva, Alisha, Miranda, Lane, Michael in favor.

8:20 Lane opened closed session. Additional Attendance: Nate Adams. Erin Preston by phone.

10:04 Eva motioned to move back into open session, Kevin C 2nd, all in favor.

No action necessary from closed session discussion.

10:08 Kevin C motioned to adjourn, Eva 2nd, all in favor.