

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda
March 16th, 2021 @ 6 pm
539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

The meeting will also be available through Zoom. Anyone interested in participating via Zoom conferencing can email Miranda Kloos at miranda@valleyacademycharter.com for call-in information.

1. Welcome

2. 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.*

1. Public Comment

The Board requests that you provide written notice to be heard for public comment so we can plan for the time required for this agenda item. Requests 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.

1. Monthly Training Topic: Student Outcomes and Boards (recap by Miranda from UAPCS in-person training)

1. Review and discussion of Annual Board Calendar

1. Review and Report: Action Items from last month's meetings.

1. Business Manager's Monthly Report

1. Director's Monthly Report

1. Reports from Board Committees:

- a. Finance/Audit
- b. Policy
- c. Charter Accountability
- d. Technology
- e. Executive
- f. Safety/SLT

1. Approval of minutes from the Feb 11th meeting.

1. Discussion and possible approval of the Technology and Electronic Device Policy.

1. Discussion and possible approval of the Student Assessment Opt Out Policy.

1. Discussion and possible approval of the 2021-2022 School Fee Spend Plan with Delineation.

1. Discussion and possible approval of the 7th Grade Field Trip to Pipe Springs.

1. Discussion and possible approval of the purchase of a cement pad.

1. Discussion and possible approval of the purchase of the Go Math curriculum.

1. Discussion and possible approval of the Spring Fling expenses.

1. Closed session, if needed. **Utah Code 52-4-205(a).**

1. Any action necessary from closed session

1. Recap and assignment of any action items needed from this meeting
1. Next proposed meeting is April 8th, 2021
1. Adjourn

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Chair Kloos opened the meeting at 6:04

Board Members Present: Betsy Kimber, Michael Palfreyman, Elaina Westegaard, Miranda Kloos, Wes White. Bronwyn Gooch submitted her resignation.

Additional Attendees: Tracy Stevens, JJ Tanner, Kandis White, Nate Adams

Wes led the Pledge of Allegiance

Betsy read the Mission Statement

No Public Comment

Monthly Training Topic: Student Outcomes and Boards (recap by Miranda from UAPCS in-person training)

As a board member, what legacy do you want to leave behind?

Engage students

Have students feel safe, valued, heard, and involved

Build relationships and connections to the school that will continue years later

Maintain the emphasis on the arts that's lacking in other schools

Individualized learning

STUDENTS ARE AT THE CENTER

Need to remember to talk about outcomes that come from our out-puts

Include more teacher input and have more discussions about goal setting and what that looks like in regard to students: student outcome goals

Wes would like to see more board involvement; possibly meet with Sam or board of Vista. This could be led through the committees.

Review and discussion of Annual Board Calendar – on track

Review and Report: Action Items from last month's meetings – Miranda and Tracy reported all were completed

Business Manager's Monthly Report (Nate)

Everything looks good and on track. COVID stipends have been issued to the staff. Healthy net operating margin—over goal

Director's Monthly Report (Tracy)

Current enrollment 499, next year at 527 with 37 on waitlist.

Reports from Board Committees:

Finance/Audit (Elaina) - Discussed how to appease risk assessment; discussed Spring Fling expenses

Policy (Miranda) - Updated technology policy; having Carol review other policies; then good until something changes

Charter Accountability - No meeting; needs new board member. Betsy and Miranda will co-chair for remainder of year.

Technology (Wes) - Technology committee visited Vista School; started small and now have five programs in technology; chose programs that interests students

Executive (Miranda) - Met at the end of February, no items.

Safety/SLT (Tracy) - Will meet soon. SLT plan for how the SLT money is spent is due the end of April start of May—place on April agenda

Member White motioned to approve the minutes from the Feb 11th meeting, Member Westegaard 2nd. Discussion – Wes noted that the minutes still had the title of agenda rather than minutes, Miranda will update. All members in favor.

Member White motioned to approve the Technology and Electronic Device Policy, Member Palfreyman 2nd.

Discussion - the teacher use been updated and Tracy and JJ will deliver the training. Wes brought up Section 3-Item C: shouldn't put in something that can't be or isn't enforced in regards to extra-curricular activities. Reviewed the exception and permission could be granted for the students to use devices on field trips. Miranda countered that

there could be an argument of something not being enforced versus being unable to monitor all students at a large event. Tracy is enforcing it when it is seen. Wes opposed; Miranda, Betsy, Michael, and Elaina in favor; approved by majority.

Member Palfreyman motioned to approve the Student Assessment Opt Out Policy, Member Kimber 2nd. No discussion, all members in favor.

Member White motioned to approve the 2021-2022 School Fee Spend Plan with Delineation, Member Palfreyman 2nd. Wes asked if low-income students can get a waiver, Tracy confirmed it is available. All members in favor.

Member Kimber motioned to approve the 7th Grade Field Trip to Pipe Springs, Member White 2nd. Discussion – this is for Utah history and crosses state lines so it would be best to have approval. All members in favor.

Member Kloos motioned to table the approval of the cement pad due to not having bids and needs further research. Elaina 2nd, all members in favor.

Member Kloos motioned to approve the Go Math curriculum for the 2021-2022 school year with a 3-year contract, Member Palfreyman 2nd. Discussion – current contract expires, have been happy with the program. All members in favor.

Member Westegaard motioned to approve of the Spring Fling expenses up to \$5,600, Member White 2nd. Discussion – change from last month's approval as a fundraiser, would like to categorize as marketing as it lines up with the lottery, Valley's birthday, and is end of year celebration after everything that has happened this year due to COVID. Will provide tickets to events. Classes will provide games. All members in favor.

Member Kloos motioned to move into closed session to discuss strategy to purchase, lease or sale of real estate. Roll Call – Member Palfreyman aye, Member Kimber aye, Member Westegaard aye, Member Kloos aye, Member White aye.

Open session resumed 9:18 - No action necessary from closed session.

Recap and assignment of any action items needed from this meeting – Miranda will post minutes and policies.

Next proposed meeting is April 8th, 2021

Member White motioned to adjourn, Member Westegaard 2nd, all in favor.