

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda
August 5th, 2017 at 9:00am
1141 Canyon Springs Dr, Springdale, UT 84767

1. Welcome and open regular session
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.*

3. Approval of minutes from 07/19/2017 meeting
4. Approval for sale of excess property
5. Approval of bus purchase
6. 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.

7. Work session of the Board

Annual Open Meeting Training – Shannon Greer (9:30-10:00)

Focus School Presentation – Paul Sheppard and Ellen Williams (10:00-10:30)

Break (10:30-10:45)

Annual Calendar Planning (10:45-11:15)

Review of Last Year's Goals and Assessment (11:15-12:00)

Lunch (12:00-12:45)

Board Committee Responsibilities and Assignments (12:45-1:30)

Valley Academy Strategic Plan: 3, 5 and 10 year plans/goals (1:30-3:00)

8. Closed Session if needed

In attendance: Lane Blackmore, Kevin Castro, Alisha Martin, Miranda Kloos, Eva Pelton, Gary Kuhlman, Kevin Dunkley, Shannon Greer, LeeAnn Worwood, Stephanie Adams, and Paul Sheppard, Excused: Ben Ruesch, Cory Smith

Alisha made a motion to move into closed to discuss pending litigation at 9:17. Kevin C second, Eva, Miranda, Lane in favor. Additional attendees: Kevin D and Gary

Eva motioned to move back into open 9:42, Alisha second, Kevin C, Miranda, Lane in favor.

Alisha motioned to authorize Lane and Ben to act on behalf the Board in pending litigation with Clark Weekly and to work within the parameters set by the Board during closed session. 2nd by Kevin C. Eva, Miranda, Lane in favor.

Kevin C motioned to approved July 19th minutes, Eva second, Alisha, Miranda, Lane in favor

Kevin C motioned to approve the sale of the fencing, Eva second, all in favor

Kevin C motioned to approve the sale of the bus for \$1000 to purchase new bus, no second, motion died.

At this time there is not a particular bus to purchase so Kevin D will keep us updated before purchase is made.

Alisha made a retroactive motion to approve the sale of the bus with the point of order that going forward all sales of property must have board approval, Kevin C second, Eva, Miranda, Lane in favor

Miranda made a motion to approve the purchase of the bus not to exceed \$5000, Alisha second, Eva, Kevin C, and Lane in favor

Lane moved us into our work session

Shannon Greer presented the Open Meeting Training

Paul Sheppard gave us an update on the Focus School. 3 Goals- 1st year increase proficiency in SAGE Language Arts and in math by 10% and develop positive culture for teachers and students. Progress is demonstrated in all 3 goals. Gap in performance at Valley will close in the future.

Reviewed annual calendar events. Miranda will review State Charter website to include training in each meeting with a discussion. October's meeting will be moved to the 19th to avoid the fall break on the 12th.

Alisha motioned to adjourn for lunch at 12:46, Miranda 2nd, Lane and Eva in favor.

Lane called meeting back to order 1:22

Review of 2016 goals:

1. Obtain a school grade of B or better – **improvements have been made as shown by Focus school stats, state has not issued grades.**
2. Finance the building through USDA, leaving flexibility with extra acreage – **still in the process, USDA funding has been on hold**
3. Develop Arts and other community partnerships – **there were additional projects done in the year – Shakespeare Festival, greeting cards, Zion Music Festival – will continue to grow and develop. Discussed getting some funding from the RAP tax, continue building relationships in the community**
4. Inform every member of our community about VACS – **door hangers went out, movie theater ad, Facebook , Instagram.**

5. Create and follow through on new board committees and responsibilities – committees were formed, need to continue developing and getting parent involvement, define priorities and attainable goals.
6. Increase enrollment to 450 for the 2017 October Enrollment Count – currently at 356 which is up significantly from last year's count.
7. Increase parent volunteerism-last year there was not a lot – will be more visible this year with additional committee, know where to send any requests to help.
8. Visible improvements to the school, may include a marquee – fundraiser for free dress Fridays to get marquee

Committee Discussion

Will keep Accountability, Finance, Executive, and Policy. Will add a PR/Marketing Committee, will subdivide Development Committee into Facility Development, Arts Program Development, and Fundraising/Grants. Kevin D will create responsibilities for a teacher appreciation/benefits taskforce and we will determine which committee it will fall under at the next meeting.

Strategic Plan – 3, 5, 10 year planning will be tabled until we get the October 1 count and our refinance is complete
1 year goals with monthly accountability:

- Be a good neighbor to Hurricane Elementary –
- Include Board on emails that are going out to parents
- Board visits classrooms/activities to experience what is happening
- Review Charter Goals – annual calendar –

Alisha requested to move into closed session at 3:21 to discuss character or competence of an individual, Eva 2nd, Miranda in favor, Lane in favor

Eva motioned to move out of closed session at 4:25, Alisha 2nd, Lane and Miranda all in favor

Lane motioned to adjourn at 4:27, all in favor