

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda

September 25, 2014 at 6:00pm

539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Work session of the Board (6:00-7:00pm)
 - a. Closed session (if needed)
 - b. Board Appreciation nominations
2. Welcome and open regular session (7:05pm)
3. Approval of minutes from 8/21/14 meeting
4. Mission Statement: (7:05-7:10)

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.*

5. How well are students achieving the outcomes for which the school was chartered? (7:10-7:30)

- a. Mr. Dunkley's monthly report

7. How well are the school's finances being managed? (7:30-7:45)

- a. Business Manager's monthly report

- i. Discussion and possible action on GRAMMA policy

8. How well is the Board performing its responsibilities? (7:45-8:15)

- a. Board Training/Charter Review

- b. Any reports from committees

- i. Accountability Committee

9. Public Comment (8:15-8:25)

- a. PTO report

- b. Any other public comment

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.

10. Next meeting *proposed* for October 23, 2014, due to school break on Oct 16th.

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2014 at 6:00pm
539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

In attendance: Lane Blackmore, Alisha Terry-Martin, Jimmy Ashley, Derek Lewis, Steven DeMille, Kevin Dunkley.

1. Work session of the Board

- a. Closed session not needed
- b. Board Appreciation nomination: Megan Gatlin nominated Emo, staff member at Valley Academy for the Board Appreciation award.

Emo has made a huge impact on our children in a very short amount of time. My children have never enjoyed riding the bus and were very leery to try it out this year. They were worried they would have a mean bus driver who would allow bullying and foul language on the bus. I convinced them to try it once. Emo won their hearts from the first ride. He treats them like they matter, he insists children behave and treat each other kindly on the bus. He even changes the music when songs come on the radio that are not appropriate for their little ears. Emo is tolerant of my little guys nickname for him. I guess my son says "Thank you Elmo" every time he gets off the bus, knowing full well his name is not Elmo. As a parent, I really appreciate a bus driver who cares! The children will remember him. I had one nice bus driver growing up, and I still remember him. Some people leave imprints on our hearts forever, Emo is one of those people.

As a teacher, I love watching Emo help in the lunchroom and around the school. He is so sweet to the children. He watches out for them and is patient with all their little needs. Valley Academy is lucky to have someone that is not rewarded enough monetarily for all he does. We need more people like Emo!

Motion made by Jimmy to recognize Emo for November Board Appreciation. All members in favor.

c. Discussion of purchasing the 2 additional busses from Clark Weakley. We recently got a letter from the state transportation office outlining the rules that charter schools need to follow in order to run a bus program. It is clear that we can now run our own program with 3 busses. Kevin gave thanks for Clark stepping up and helping us get the program running. We have no current contract with Clark. Lane says that we need to make sure we have solid contracts approved by our legal team for everyone we do business with. Kevin has talked to Clark about purchasing the additional 2 busses for \$7,000. The Laverkin bus route is currently full, so some shifting of bus routes has been necessary. Kevin says we have a real need for 3 bus routes and 3 drivers to make sure kids aren't waiting at school for an extended period of time. Emo is willing to help with the bus training that we will need to do. Jimmy asked if we need to be ADA compliant. Kevin will find this out. Alisha will put together a draft policy for the bus and send it to legal. Discussion on putting advertisements on the bus. 35% of the bus can be covered. Alisha will create a draft policy for bus advertisements and send it out to everyone. This policy should be based on the letter we got from the state. Steve says we could target music stores and those that fit with our mission.

d. Discussion of dual enrollment. We don't know the specific rules in the state for this yet. There are possibilities for kids to come for part of the day, such as electives or arts. We would specifically offer this for home school families.

e. Kevin brought up that he is working with Red Apple on possibly changing the health insurance coverage for school employees. This would be effective December 1. Kevin also brought up the large iron Bobcat that was hung on the outside of the building today.

f. Jimmy brought up grants for the garden and bio domes. He has talked to Natalie Metzger about writing some of them. If we don't get this Wal-Mart grant, we can apply again in February. Also brought up hosting the Chamber of Commerce lunch in November- 50 to 100 guests possible. We could showcase the kitchen.

g. Discussion of asking Tara Freiberg to possibly come and do some board training on SEI during the work session.

h. Discussion of charter amendments. A section could be taken each month to review and update old information. Many items are no longer relevant. Need to ask Marlies what we can change.

i. Kevin introduced an updated Bullying policy and Attendance policy. These both need to be sent to legal for approval. Will put these both on the agenda for the October meeting.

Derek made a motion to close the work meeting. All members in favor.

Additional in attendance: Thayne Smith, Marisa Monger, Cara Dockstader, Megan Gatlin, Ben Ruesch, Charlotte Potter.

Welcome and open regular session at 7:05pm

Jimmy made a motion to accept the minutes from the 8/21/2014 meeting. All members in favor.

Derek read the mission statement.

Lane adjusted the agenda to accommodate Thayne, who had another meeting to attend.

Business Manager's monthly report:

Created by Red Apple

Budget Detail Report

(419 Students)	(415 Students)	(415 Students)
Previous Yr's Actuals FY14	Current Yr's Actuals FY14	Approved Budget FY15

Revenue

1000	Local				
1600	Food Service	\$58,307	\$-	\$75,000	
1700	Summer School & Fees	\$6,160	\$1,050		\$-

1920	Donations	\$6,258	\$-	\$-
1990	Miscellaneous	\$(484)	\$1,225	\$-
1900	Other Revenue	\$41,505	\$-	\$-
	Total 1000:	\$111,746	\$2,275	\$75,000
3000	State			
3010	Regular School Prgm K-12	\$1,026,502	\$187,806	\$1,004,536
3020	Professional Staff	\$59,461	\$10,879	\$56,785
3105	Special Education -- Add-On	\$119,655	\$20,288	\$172,337
3110	Special Education -- Self-Contained	\$2,899	\$2,015	\$2,900
3120	Special Education-- Extended Year	\$2,383	\$377	\$2,300
3125	Special Education- State Program	\$1,996	\$-	\$2,000
3211	EHS - Gifted and Talented	\$-	\$-	\$1,800
3230	Class Size Reduction - K-8	\$107,516	\$18,502	\$102,678
3336	Enhancement for At-Risk Students	\$6,629	\$-	\$11,000
3410	Flexible Allocation	\$13,274	\$2,303	\$12,678
3520	School Land Trust Program	\$27,178	\$25,962	\$27,000
3719	Charter School Local Replacement	\$707,691	\$121,734	\$664,000
3725	Charter School Admin Fund	\$41,900	\$7,334	\$40,000
3770	School Lunch (Liquor Tax)	\$10,266	\$-	\$18,000
3799	Evaluation and Assessment (UPASS)	\$1,104	\$-	\$1,054
3805	Reading Achievement Prgm K-3	\$-	\$-	\$14,000
3810	Library Books & Electronic Res	\$438	\$-	\$437
3866	State CS Startup Grant	\$106,204	\$-	\$22,911
3876	Educator Salary Adjustment	\$130,865	\$21,811	\$127,249
3878	Extended Year Special Educators	\$-	\$-	\$-
3868	Classroom Supplies & Materials	\$4,351	\$3,456	\$4,161
	Student Count changes (20)	\$-	\$-	\$69,000
	Total 3000:	\$2,370,312	\$422,467	\$2,356,826
4000	Federal			
4524	IDEA Part-B (Previous Year funds)	\$16,556	\$-	\$-
4524	IDEA Part-B	\$68,624	\$-	\$75,000
4524	IDEA State Level funds	\$17,378	\$-	\$-
4571	National School Lunch Prgm	\$9,228	\$-	\$11,000
4572	Free & Reduced Reimbursement	\$47,274	\$-	\$52,000
4574	Breakfast	\$-	\$-	\$7,000
	REAP Grant	\$-	\$-	\$-
4801	Title IA (Previous Year funds)	\$27,644	\$-	\$-
4801	Title IA	\$48,320	\$-	\$116,000
4860	Title IIA (Previous Year funds)	\$7,952	\$-	\$-
4860	Title IIA	\$9,893	\$-	\$13,700
	Total 4000:	\$252,869	\$-	\$274,700
	Total Revenue:	\$2,734,927	\$424,742	\$2,706,526

Expenses

100	Salaries				
121	Principal	\$103,197	\$12,917	\$77,500	
131	Teachers	\$807,500	\$135,398	\$805,661	
131	Dance Teacher	\$-	\$-	\$30,500	
134	Drama Stipend	\$-	\$-	\$6,000	
134	Summer School Stipend	\$1,500	\$2,700	\$-	
132	PTO Cash Out	\$-	\$-	\$6,000	
132	Substitute Teachers	\$28,820	\$-	\$15,000	
133	Special Education Salary	\$100,071	\$9,917	\$93,975	
142	Counselor	\$11,509	\$4,326	\$25,956	
144	Speech Therapist	\$-	\$-	\$15,120	
149	School Nurse	\$1,778	\$-	\$1,950	
152	Secretarial & Clerical	\$96,723	\$8,417	\$54,550	
154	Purchaser	\$-	\$-	\$-	
161	Title I Aides	\$23,201	\$494	\$26,402	
162	SpEd Aides	\$34,296	\$1,745	\$34,733	
161	Reading Specialists	\$-	\$-	\$-	
170	Bus Drivers	\$-	\$-	\$16,200	
181	Facility Manager (& Operations)	\$35,700	\$4,462	\$5,950	
182	Custodian	\$16,926	\$6,500	\$28,644	
134	Lunch Manager Stipend	\$-	\$750	\$7,500	
192	Lunch Room Aide	\$12,998	\$3,039	\$28,518	
Total 100:		\$1,274,219	\$190,665	\$1,280,159	
200	Benefits				
210	Retirement	\$45,461	\$7,564	\$52,000	
220	Social Security	\$94,508	\$14,186	\$97,932	
240	Group Insurance	\$155,553	\$13,255	\$146,904	
270	Worker's Compensation Fund	\$6,673	\$-	\$9,451	
280	Unemployment Insurance	\$9,811	\$306	\$17,256	
Total 200:		\$312,006	\$35,311	\$323,543	
300	Prof & Technical Services				
320	Educational Services (Dance)	\$11,360	\$-	\$-	
323	SpEd Services (OT / Psych / Interpreter)	\$4,102	\$-	\$5,000	
330	Employee Training & Development	\$8,513	\$-	\$8,500	
340	Legal	\$6,692	\$1,000	\$6,692	
350	Business Manager Services	\$33,685	\$11,000	\$66,000	
352	Audit	\$12,775	\$-	\$12,775	
355	Technology Services (IT)	\$24,635	\$4,832	\$21,000	
Total 300:		\$101,762	\$16,832	\$119,967	\$-
400	Purchased Property Services				
411	Water / Sewage	\$102	\$538	\$-	
412	Disposal Service	\$2,502	\$469	\$2,504	
430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,692	\$1,001	\$7,420	
441	Building Lease	\$536,876	\$88,033	\$528,204	

441	Portable Lease (and Setup fee)	\$55,666	\$5,860	\$35,160
443	Copy Machine Lease & Servicing	\$8,577	\$1,955	\$10,000
490	Property Taxes	\$-	\$-	\$-
	Total 400:	\$609,415	\$97,856	\$583,288
500	Other Purchase Services			
521	Property Insurance	\$6,552	\$1,088	\$7,400
522	Liability Insurance	\$7,920	\$7,542	\$7,920
530	Telephone	\$4,032	\$909	\$6,000
540	Marketing	\$3,332	\$3,815	\$3,103
542	Board Expenses	\$1,234	\$2,912	\$1,234
580	Travel	\$2,999	\$506	\$5,000
	Bus Service	\$-	\$-	\$-
590	Field Trip Entrance / Bus Rental	\$3,584	\$-	\$2,000
	Total 500:	\$29,653	\$16,772	\$32,657
600	Supplies and Materials			
610	School Events	\$232	\$24	\$300
611	Classroom	\$23,824	\$4,845	\$22,000
612	Office	\$7,668	\$2,155	\$8,500
613	Student Gov't	\$550	\$33	\$550
614	General Supplies	\$774	\$255	\$2,000
615	First Aid Supplies	\$435	\$-	\$435
617	Student Appreciation / Parties	\$65	\$-	\$1,959
618	Professional Dev / Appreciation	\$904	\$1,243	\$1,307
619	Drama Materials	\$562	\$-	\$-
619	Counselor Supplies	\$306	\$-	\$-
621	Natural Gas	\$3,325	\$28	\$4,344
622	Electricity	\$25,482	\$3,810	\$29,352
626	Motor Fuel (Buses)	\$-	\$-	\$6,000
630	Food Program Supplies	\$59,724	\$2,061	\$82,000
641	Textbooks & Curriculum	\$33,381	\$5,959	\$10,000
644	Library Books	\$2,603	\$-	\$2,000
670	Software (Educational)	\$2,095	\$788	\$-
680	Maintenance & Cleaning Supplies	\$21,647	\$4,284	\$21,633
	Total 600:	\$183,577	\$25,485	\$192,380
700	Property, Equipment			
710	Land & Site Improvements	\$4,484	\$-	\$-
720	Buildings	\$18,386	\$-	\$-
732	Buses	\$3,587	\$10,000	\$18,000
733	Furniture & Fixtures	\$12,282	\$2,420	\$10,000
734	Technology Hardware	\$104,959	\$54,045	\$50,000
735	Instructional Equipment	\$10,333	\$-	\$4,531
739	Kitchen Equipment	\$5,912	\$-	\$-
	Total 700:	\$159,943	\$66,465	\$82,531
800	Debt Service and Misc			

810	Direct Deposit Fees	\$3,144	\$42	\$-
810	Dues & Fees (Background Checks)	\$5,834	\$72	\$3,200
810	Dues & Fees (Lunch Prgm)	\$225	\$-	\$300
811	UAPCS Dues	\$3,129	\$-	\$3,129
812	Banking Fees	\$106	\$-	\$1,000
830	Highmark Loan Re-payment (Due 10/1)	\$-	\$-	\$18,993
830	Revolving Loan Re-payment	\$71,276	\$5,769	\$-
890	Miscellaneous	\$8,583	\$-	\$-
Total 800:		\$92,297	\$5,883	\$26,622
Total Expenses:		\$2,762,872	\$455,269	\$2,641,147

Net Income: \$(27,945) \$(30,527) \$65,379

Reserve Funds Used in Year: \$- \$- \$-

Fund Reserve: \$187,783 \$157,256

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Director's monthly report:

Director's Report for Board Meeting
September 25, 2014

Total School Enrollment as of September 18, 2014: 410

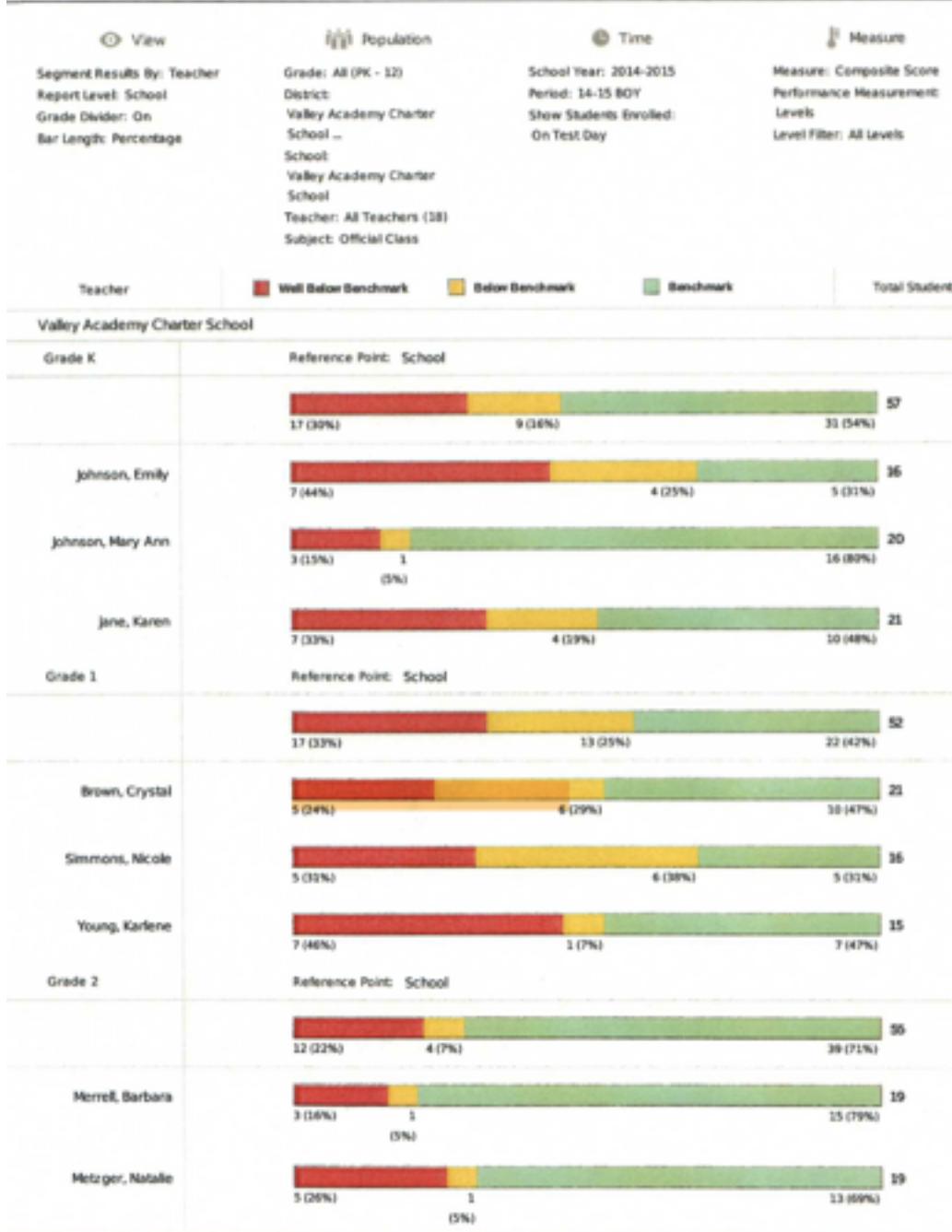
Enrollment	Status	Race	Gender	Advisors		Enroll					
	Grade:	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Active		59	52	54	38	44	45	43	49	26	410
Withdrawn		2	4	2	3		1		2		14
Effective 9/23/2014		59	54	56	40	47	45	44	49	28	424

Valley Academy Charter School

VALLEY ACADEMY
ATTENDANCE REPORT 2014-15

WEEK OF:	M	T	W	Th	F	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
						TOTAL/AVE	TOTAL/AVE
Aug. 11-15	Absences:						
	Percentage:						
Aug. 18-22	Absences:	16	12	13	14	22	77
	Percentage:	96.30%	96.57%	96.57%	96.80%	96.50%	96.55%
Aug. 25-29	Absences:	18	16	24	28	23	109
	Percentage:	95.60%	96.10%	94.10%	93.40%	94.40%	94.72%
Sept. 1-5	Absences:		24	24	15	26	89
	Percentage:		94.10%	94.10%	96.30%	93.60%	94.53%
Sept. 8-12	Absences:	28	26	20	29	18	121
	Percentage:	93.10%	93.60%	95.10%	92.80%	95.50%	94.02%
Sept. 15-19	Absences:	25	17	14	21	18	95
	Percentage:	93.80%	95.80%	96.50%	94.80%	95.50%	95.28%
Sept. 22-26	Absences:	19					
	Percentage:	95.30%					
AVERAGE ABSENCES/DAY OF WEEK:		21.2	19	19	21.4	21.4	
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE/DAY OF WEEK:		94.82%	95.23%	95.27%	94.82%	95.10%	

August



Segment Results By: Teacher
Report Level: School
Grade Divider: On
Bar Length: Percentage

Grade: All (PK - 12)
District:
Valley Academy Charter
School ...
School:
Valley Academy Charter
School
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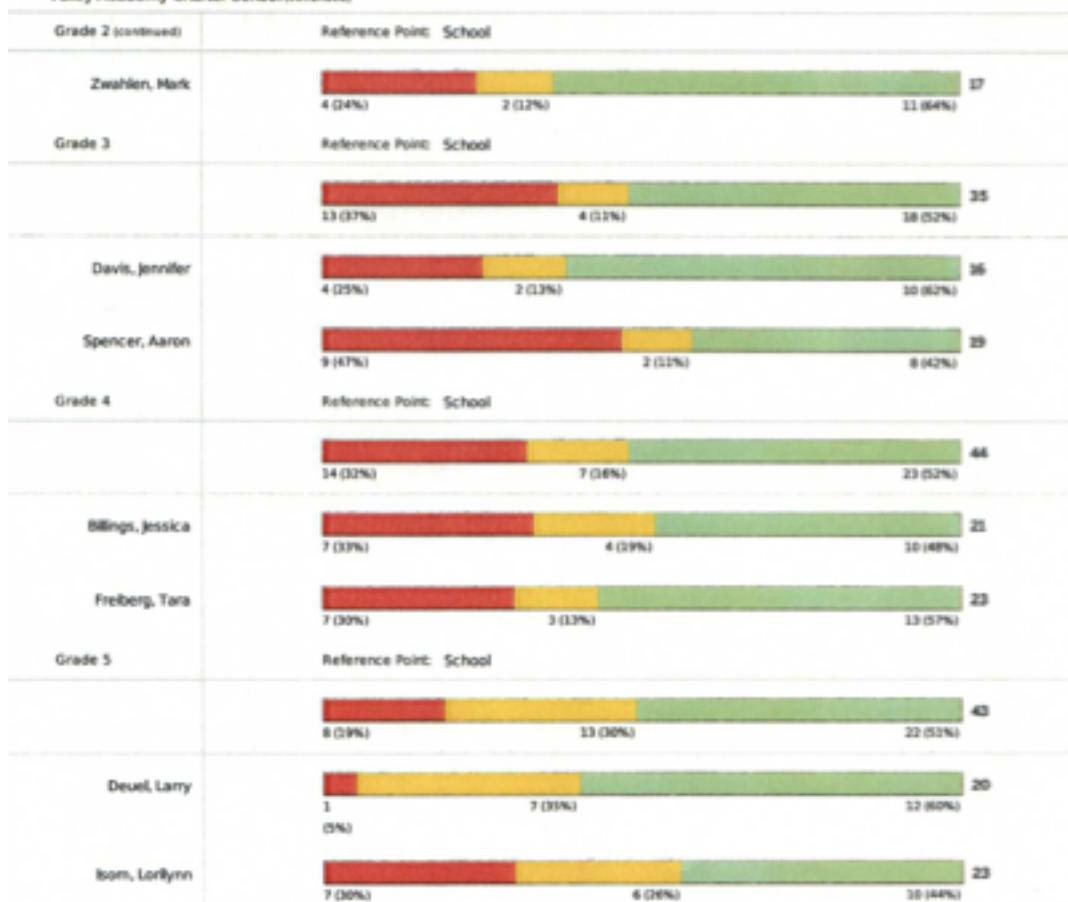
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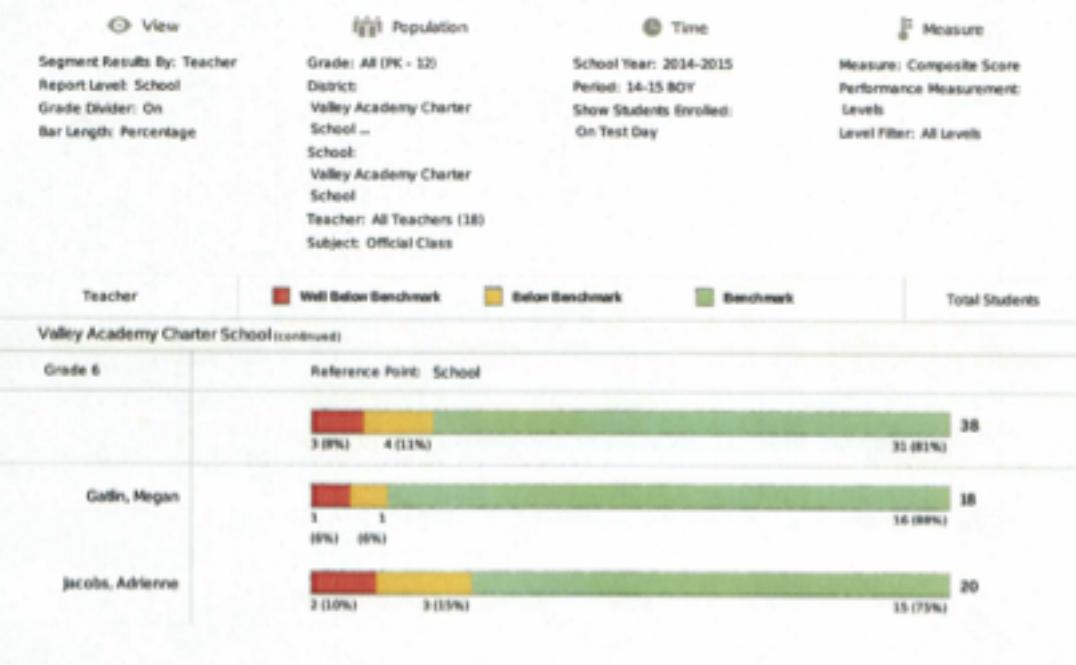
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Teacher

Total Students

Valley Academy Charter School (continued)





Mr. Dunkley reports that our current enrollment is 412 as of today.

- We were able to get a \$34,000 grant last month that the school will use for literacy and reading programs.
- Breakfast and lunch programs are doing well both financially and popularity. We are serving over 100 students at breakfast and over 250 students every day for lunch. 54% of our students qualify for free or reduced lunch.
- The attached charts are our K-6 DIBELS first reading test. There will be two more of these tests during the year, one in January and the last in May. Reading is a priority for us. 131 students have been identified as below reading level and we are glad for the early DIBELS testing so we can start working with these students.
- Math DIBELS will start next year.
- Kevin recognized Megan Gatlin for putting together the Friday Fun Facts and Monthly newsletters. They are great and keep us all in communication. Kevin is also stressing teacher websites. Committee working on a flyer that will talk about the responsibilities of the teacher/parent/student in order to be the most successful at Valley Academy.
- Garden club is working on upgrading our school garden. A greenhouse was donated last week. We also have 2 rabbits living in the garden. The goat will be back soon, ready to have babies just like last year.

GRAMA policy was discussed. Small wording changes were made. The policy was approved by our legal team. **Derek made a motion to approve the GRAMA policy. All members in favor.**

Accountability Committee report:

- Steve reported that they had their first meeting of the year on the 11th. Future meetings on the second Thursday of each month.
- Discussed increasing enrollment by reaching out to home school families.
- Discussed current Wellness Policy. Tonya was doing follow up on teacher concerns.
- Discussed the school calendar and concerns that we match the school district calendar to make things easier for families with kids in both schools, and also for our secretaries who take many phone calls from parents wondering about the differing schedules between us and the district. Kevin says we do match the district calendar this year except for one day (the last day of school), but we need to comply with the state mandate of 180 days.
- They will be formalizing the committee and taking applications. Current members are Steve, Tonya (board members), Kevin (admin), and Amy Mackay (parent). They would still like to recruit 2 teachers and a PTO member.

PTO report:

- They have received their 501C3 designation letter
- Feed the Teacher for SEP's was a success
- They are working on ordering and putting together the emergency backpacks. Wal-Mart grant.
- The Book fair will be here in October. Theme is "Sir Read-a-Lot".
- Oct 13 PTO will be sponsoring an Earth Science Fair family night with several different indoor and outdoor learning stations.
- Picture retake day is Oct 3.
- Penny Wars fundraiser is doing better than last year. Money being raised for teacher appreciation. The winning grade will receive a trophy for the classroom (to be recycled each year) and their choice of a dance party or a karaoke party.

Public Comment:

- Marisa Monger (parent of 1st grade student, PTO Vice President) wanted to express thanks for the things she loves about Valley Academy.
 - All the teachers are wonderful.
 - The Administration is great at taking suggestions and implementing changes when needed- and doing it quickly
 - Free public education
 - PTO got a great response from parents that are willing to help with fun activities
 - Great communication with Friday Fun Facts and Monthly newsletter
 - Accountability Meeting where parents can come and be part of the discussion and decision making
 - Plans to expand for the future
 - The Board listens to parents
 - Lunch and Breakfast programs
 - Spanish taught for all grades

Next meeting scheduled for October 23rd due to school break being the 3rd Thursday.

Derek made a motion to adjourn. All members in favor.