

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda  
November 8, 2018 @ 7pm  
539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Welcome and open public meeting of the Board
2. Board Training: Valley Academy Charter Review
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. 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 [alisha@valleyacademycharter.com](mailto:alisha@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.

5. Closed session, if needed.
6. Any action necessary from closed session.
7. Approval of minutes from the 10/18/18 meeting.
8. Follow up items:
  - a. Movie Theater Marketing
  - b. Dress Code:
    - i. 6-8 Grade Dress Code Presentation
    - ii. Discussion and possible approval of staff dress code
  - c. Fees for donation sites

9. Discussion and possible approval of Dollar Dress Days addition to Dress Code Policy.

10. Discussion and possible approval of action on building development.

11. Discussion and possible approval of Washington DC Field Trip.

12. Reports from Committees:
  - a. Academics/Curriculum
  - b. Technology
  - c. Arts

- d. SEI
- e. PAC
- f. Safety
- g. State Trust Lands
- h. Policy
- i. Building Development
- j. Wellness
- k. Teacher Liaison
- l. Finance

13. Business Manager's Report

14. Director's Monthly Report

15. Recap and assignment of any action items needed from this meeting

16. Next meeting proposed December 13, 2018

17. Adjourn

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Minutes

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In attendance: Tracy Stevens, Elaina Westegaard, Alisha Terry-Martin, Miranda Kloos, Weston White, Kevin Castro, Michael Palfreyman, Eva Pelton (by phone).

1. Welcome and open public meeting of the Board- 7:03pm
2. Board Training: Valley Academy Charter Review. Discussion: Procurement policy needs to be updated to align with charter (can be more strict, but not less strict)
3. Kevin led the pledge. Miranda read the mission statement.
4. No public comment.
5. No closed session needed.
7. Motion made by Weston to approve the minutes from 10/18/18 meeting. Elaina second. All members in favor.
8. Follow up items:
  - a. Movie theater marketing. Finance committee met and discussed the benefits of spending money on this type of marketing. The recommendation is to hold off until the spring.
  - b. Dress Code Discussion:
    - i. Miranda is tabling the 6-8th grade presentation due to the students not being ready to present yet. Student council is currently being selected (this week) and they will represent their classmates in this matter once in place and presentation ready.
    - ii. Staff dress code- Tracy's idea is a very simple dress code that mirrors the student dress code. Eva has concerns from the past that may or may not be issues currently with staff. Tracy will create a document and this will be added to next month's agenda. Discussion of piercings and hair color not a big concern for board members. This is an art school. Restrictions will be for safety only. The discretion will be for the Director to decide.
  - c. Fees for donation sites- \*Donors choose takes 15-18%, which is optional (the donor decides, but most people opt to pay it so the site can survive). Your project must be approved. You must be a certified teacher. Samantha Adair did a project for books that was over-funded last month. If over-funded, they get a credit for their next fundraiser (spaulding). \*Go Fund Me takes 5% of each donation plus a percentage.
9. Motion made by Elaina to add Dollar Dress Days to the Dress Code Policy. Kevin second. All members in favor.

10. Motion made by Miranda to table action on building development. Discussion: Red Apple representative spoke to the Finance Committee on waiting for next year to see the trending and funds available. Michael second. All members in favor.

11. Motion made by Miranda to approve this activity (The Washington DC/American Heritage Trip) with alternatives, in case funding is not raised in time, that still support their core learning objectives. Discussion: Tracy has done a lot of research into the costs involved and the timing to raise this money. Tour companies advertise this trip for \$2000-4000 per student. Tracy has figured that we can put together the same trip for approx \$910 per student. This would include flight, charter bus, insurance, meals, museums, security, and lodging. The trip would take place at the end of May- potentially 5 days. Teachers and others have already volunteered to chaperone this trip. This would be for 8th grade and maybe 7th grade. Students will be raising money and may be looking for opportunities in the community to raise funds. This may be a good project to use "Donors Choose". Wes second the motion. All members in favor.

12. Reports from Committees:

- a. Academic/Teacher Liason- Working on PLC's, training on agendas, rotating leadership opportunities. Nov 26 training on protocol for proper PLC meetings. Everyone has been asked to read The Five Disfunctions of a Team by Patrick Lencioni.
- b. Technology- Steve Brown sent the technology plan that he promised. Committee will meet again soon.
- c. Arts- Dance class is looking for volunteers tomorrow. Polar Express is Dec 10, 6:30- 8:00 at the high school. Musical Theater show is on Dec 11. Eva will send out a message with what is needed.
- d. SEI- no report. Tracy requests the meeting prior to 26th so it can be implemented in the training for teachers.
- e. PAC- footprints for Red Ribbon Week. Cookie decorating night, Dec 17th, 6:00. Community resource list in lieu of Angel Tree. Wreath fundraiser will be delivered. This fundraiser \$600. Boxtops \$160.
- f. Safety/
- g. Trust Lands- will meet soon. These two committees will be combined.
- h. Policy- goal is to have several policies updated and ready for the next meeting.
- i. Building Development- have not met yet.
- j. Wellness- working on a Field Day, Presidential Fitness, Role models for healthy choices.
- k. Finance- working on Sunshine fund for staff support, advertising.
- l. Teacher Liason will combine with Academic committee.

13. Business Manager's Report- Audit went well. Good that we refinanced when we did, because we now get the added benefit of being property tax exempt since we now own the building. Trends right now look like they are a bit down, but that is due to some reimbursements

