



Valley Academy Special Public Board Meeting Agenda
January 28, 2012 from 9am until 12pm
At 147 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Welcome and call to order (9am)
2. Discussion and possible action on Board Policies
3. Discussion and possible action on purchase request for website development
4. Discussion and possible action on Director travel
5. Discussion of building plans
6. Strategic Planning Session guided by Ed Woodd, Valley Academy Director
7. Time and place for next regular board meeting: Feb 21, 2012 at 7pm at the Hurricane City Office.
8. Adjourn

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In attendance: Alisha Terry-Martin, Cory Martin, Ed Woodd, Lane Blackmore, Derek Lewis, Gaylene Knoke, Trent Seegmiller, Kevin Abraham, Danica Spencer, Ann Lawton, Patrick Horgan.

1. Welcome and call to order- 9am
2. Discussion on Board Policies: All members have had a chance to view the amended version as discussed at our last meeting. Motion to accept the board policies as amended made by Lane Blackmore. All members in favor.
3. Discussion of purchase request for website development: Derek would like to know what is included in this purchase order as we have not received a contract proposal. Ed stated that website is already being worked on, and should be up early next week. Alisha stated that there had been complaints that the emails were not working. Motion made by Derek Lewis to approve the purchase order for website development, not to exceed \$2,500. All members in favor.
4. Discussion on Director travel: Ed stated that there would be two reasons for this travel: one would be to attend a conference for cornerstone character development curriculum for the school to become a trainer for the staff. Attending this training would save the school thousands of dollars in training in the future. The second purpose for this travel would be to visit Bradley Charter School and meet with Steve Goodman. Trent and Derek asked if there are funds in the budget to meet this travel request? Kevin Abraham stated that there are funds to cover this travel. Derek Lewis made a motion to approve the travel request, with the intention to keep travel costs as low as possible. All members in favor.
5. Discussion of building plans: Lane has been working on fact finding with local contractors for building costs and keeping our costs appropriate so we can be fiscally responsible. Lane has been corresponding with our contacts at Highmark to make sure our desires for building plans are known. A motion was made by Derek Lewis to take a 15-minute break. All members in favor. Continued: Board members in agreement that there has been a breakdown of positive communication between our Board and Highmark. Lane will be drafting a letter to let the Board's position be known to Highmark. Board members in agreement that fiscal responsibility is our highest priority and that a partnership needs to be affirmed with Highmark to make this a win-win situation.
6. Strategic Planning Session, led by Ed Woodd: All audience members were able to participate in this Appreciative Inquiry session that identified a 3 year vision for Valley Academy being successful. External and Internal measures of success were identified as well as essential skills for staff and students. Ed will take the information gathered from this session to help train staff and stakeholders. We will be able to come back and revisit these goals, using what we've done here as ne tool to evaluate the school's overall effectiveness.

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8. Motion to adjourn made by Lane Blackmore. All members in favor. 12:15pm

Valley Academy Board Strategic Plan Results January 28, 2012

Three year Goals

- ✓ To be a leading force for positive educational change in Southern Utah
- ✓ To give our students the skills crucial for success in life
- ✓ To bring beauty, creativity and positive energy to the education process
- ✓ For our students to attain the highest recognition from the state

Measures of Success

- ✓ Keeping students engaged and positive
- ✓ Teaching student how to learn
- ✓ Giving students choices, variety, and encouragement to live their dreams
- ✓ Teach our students about how they learn and their individual styles

External Accountability

State test scores
Community Perspectives of VA
NCLB results
stakeholders

Internal Accountability

individual student progress
Student retention
Surveys and feedback from all

360° evaluations
Building a positive culture
Staff retention

Essential Skills for students

- ✓ People Skills
 - Interpersonal and intrapersonal communication
 - Self-motivation
 - Transactional relationships
 - Self-respect
- ✓ Making good choices
- ✓ Critical thinking
- ✓ Collaboration
- ✓ Understanding cause/effect
- ✓ Learning by doing