

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda
June 19, 2014 at 6:00pm
539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Work session of the Board (6:00-7:00pm)
 - a. Closed session for the purpose of Board member interview (6:00-6:15)
 - b. Closed session for the purpose of Director's formal evaluation (6:15- 7:00)
2. Welcome and open regular session (7:05pm)
3. Approval of minutes from 5/15/14 regular meeting and 5/20/14 special 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. Board Appreciation (7:05-7:10)
6. 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
 - b. Discussion and possible approval of Red Apple contract as reviewed by legal
 - c. Discussion of Budget revisions to the 2013-2014 budget
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
 - ii. Scheduling Committee
 - c. Board elections
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 scheduled for July 12, 2014 (Board Retreat)

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In attendance: Lane Blackmore, Derek Lewis, Tonya Heyder, Ben Ruesch, Jimmy Ashley, Kevin Dunkley

*****Closed session for the purpose of the Director's formal evaluation, 6:00pm*****

*****Closed session ended at 7:00pm*****

Open regular meeting, 7:05pm

Additional in attendance: Doug Beecher, Marisa Monger, Steve Finley, Thane Smith, Adrienne Jacobs,

Motion made by (unable to hear recording) to approve the minutes from the 5/15/14 and 5/20/14 meetings. All members in favor.

Mission statement read by Ben.

Board Appreciation: Doug Beecher, Board Member, is recognized for all the good he has done this year and wished well for his future endeavors. He will be missed on the Board.

Mr. Dunkley's monthly report: Appreciation expressed to Doug. Bruce Stringham, our former accountant, has passed away and we sent condolences to his wife. Attendance is currently 419. Free lunch is going well for the summer- 130 kids have been eating daily. Breakfast starting in the fall. Summer school program is going well. Special Education and Staff Development- Peggy Childs has been hired. Jennifer Davis has been hired for 3rd grade. Leanna Fenn has been hired as a Title I aide. Tara Wade will be spending some time in dance and some time in SPED. Hired PT custodian, Dade Wood. Lunch program is making money for us. It has been very successful and has inspired GWA charter school to borrow Cory to build their own lunch program as well. We will be able to hire a couple more PT employees to help grow the lunch program. Hired a new 7/8th grad LA teacher who is also certified in PE. She will help us to offer PE and a couple different electives. Home Ec and Career Choices will be added, as well as Spanish across all grades. Adding 150-175 computers. Next year's schedule will offer a strong academic morning for the younger grades and a strong academic afternoon for the older grades. Flip flop that for electives. SAGE testing went well in our computer lab. Results will be available to us in Oct/Nov. Next year in our lab the students will be able to do practice tests for SAGE. Spectra company came today to discuss benefits packages for our teachers- they will present this to the faculty in August.

Red Apple's Report: Steve Finley and Thane Smith presenting. Thane will be our accountant for the year. Will present a monthly summary handout at each meeting. 56% of the budget is spent on salaries and benefits. They thought they might see that our building expenses are too high, but they are actually in line with most other new charters. Set goals for when we will purchase the building. Days cash on hand is 50 and we would like to have 90, so we will aim for that. We have requested all federal funds. Review of charts. Finance committee review of budget. For most charters, end of year enrollment is 75-85% of beginning of the year. Ours is better than that- nice statistic to know. Review of organizational chart. Budget approved at last

meeting has received a few tweaks and is now more positive because of the federal funds that were requested and now added.

Jimmy made a motion to amend the budget to reflect most current projections made by Red Apple. All members in favor.

Working on full-day kindergarten grant. 3-year start up grant money has been changed and reduced quite a bit by the state office. Numbers on the budget for next year have been adjusted for 415 students. Because the start-up grant was cut so much, there will be a reduction in the number of new technology items purchased this year.

Additional items that were not in the past budget: stipend added for the drama program, stipend added for a PT person for the food program, PTO cash-out.

The thought from the Finance Committee will be to take this budget to October and re-evaluate when we know what the student numbers are at that time.

Upcoming retreat: think about what we would like to talk about to make it the most productive.

Accountability Committee- notes in the packet

Board Elections:

Chair- Lane

Vice Chair- Derek

Treasurer- Jimmy

Secretary- Alisha

All members in favor.

PTO report: Teachers were given a large butcher paper rolling rack, doors were decorated, chair massages were given to the teachers, provided treats to the 5th grade maturation program, 8th grade pancake breakfast, water day, uniform exchange coming up.

Motion to adjourn made by Jimmy. All members in favor.