

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda

Oct 19th, 2017 at 6:00 pm

539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Work session of the Board
 - a. Closed session if needed
 - b. Any action necessary resulting from discussion in closed session
 - c. Open Board Position Interviews
 - d. Board Training
 - e. Annual Calendar Review

2. Welcome and open regular session

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. Approval of minutes from September 14th, 2017, meeting.

5. Approval of minutes from September 28th, 2017, meeting.

6. Approval of the State and Federal UCA Funding.

7. Approval of the Discipline and Behavior Policy.

8. Approval of the Special Education Policy.

9. Valley Academy Farm Proposal by Stephanie Lindhart, Director for Desert Hive Food Forests, Inc

10. Board committee reports

- a. Arts Program Development
- b. Accountability
- c. PR/Marketing

11. PTO Report

12. How well are the school's finances being managed?

- a. Business Manager's monthly report
- b. Discussion and possible action on any purchase orders over \$1,000.

13. How well are students achieving the outcomes for which the school was chartered?

- a. Mr. Dunkley's monthly report

14. 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.

11. Next meeting *proposed* for Nov 9th, 2017.

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Board Members Present: Lane Blackmore, Kevin Castro, Miranda Kloos, Eva Pelton. Ben Ruesch and Alisha Martin excused.

Additional Attendance: Andria Vincent, Amber Bain, Charlotte Potter, Jessie Gates, Nikki Shaw, Nate Adams, Leeanna Fenn, Susan Gubler, Adrienne Jacobs, Kelly Fausett, Tara Freiberg, Kandis White, Alicia Wiser, Shauna Iverson, Liberty Palfreyman, Michael Palfreyman, Cherisa Jones, Mike Hudson, Kaylee Hudson, Stephanie Lindhardt, Jory Meyers, Kara Webb, Shawnessy Valdez

Lane called the meeting to order 6:33

Eva P motioned to move into closed session to discuss litigation at 6:35, Kevin C second. Lane and Miranda in favor.

Miranda motioned to move back into open session at 6:41, Eva, Lane, and Kevin C all in favor.

Open Board Member Interviews

Cherisa Jones: Taught dance in public schools for 5 years, worked in dance studios. Wants to make education part of her life-long pursuit. As a Board member your role is to carry the vision and create policies. Those are passed to the director to carry out within the parameters. What is your connection to VAC? Saw an application and wanted to bring her education background to the table. Eager to put in time – no other obligations. What other experiences do you bring to the Board? Has the arts background, ran her own dance programs and saw the ups and downs.

Michael Palfreyman: Wife works for school and recommended he apply. Currently a real estate agent. Did sales and marketing for a stone quarry. Lots of different backgrounds to adapt to situations. Has time available. Has read the charter – the Board does the long term strategic planning. Wants to be on the Board to give back and to help the youth. Sales and marketing – inform people rather than “sell someone”

Natalie Metzger: Taught at Valley for 3 years, loved the school and was a huge part of it. Miss the people and students. Wants to support the school and passionately believes in the charter. Is currently teaching in the district. Also, in school completing education. Thursday nights are rough which does conflict with our meeting schedule. Has written lots of grants. Would be willing to help as a volunteer and knows the charter and wants to see it succeed.

Miranda and Eva will attend the Board Culture training on Oct 24th

Lane opened regular meeting 7:08

Kevin C led the Pledge

Lane read the Mission Statement

Kevin C motioned to approve Sept 14th minutes, Eva 2nd, all in favor

Eva motioned to approve Sept 28th minutes, Kevin C 2nd, all in favor

Miranda motioned to approve Federal and State UCA funding, Kevin C 2nd, all in favor.

Miranda motioned to table the Behavior and Discipline Policy and the Special Education Policy until further review, Kevin C 2nd, all in favor

Stephanie Lindhardt presented the Valley Academy Farm Proposal – is involved with a non-profit and wants to develop a farm within our school – would use permaculture instead of organic or traditional farming. They farm the land with 50/50. They get 50% of the food and the school gets 50%. Design is with the land – no sprinklers. Lane recommended they meet with the development committee to further discuss the logistics.

Nate from Red Apple – final number for Oct 1 count was 350. On track with local revenue, state is a little low because it hasn't trued up with the enrollment, federal funds will catch up with the approval of the UCA funds. No areas of concerns in the 100-400's, 500-700's are a little high due to front loaded costs.

Invoice for bus repairs over \$1000 – fits within budget – Kevin C motions to approve the bus repair invoice of \$1200+, Eva 2nd, all in favor.

Arts Development – Eva

Liberty worked with the art students on the card project. Eva will work with the older students
Spirit shirts are currently at a stand still – Eva will continue working on it
Rock Project at Zion Canyon Music Festival was a success

Accountability Committee – Kaylee Hudson

Both surveys are completed and they will be sent out on Monday. It will only be open for a week. The following meeting we'll start analyzing the results.

Marketing Committee – no update

PTO Committee – PTO president/co-president unavailable. Comments from the teachers very positive and lots of good projects in the works. They still struggle with getting parental support.

Dixie Direct Fundraiser – assembly tomorrow and books go out Nov 1

Kevin D – 353 students with 7 new applications. Attendance – 93%-Aug, 94%-Sept, 93%-Oct. Lots of activities in Oct – Caine's Arcade, Walk to School, Book Fair, SEPs, Parents and Pastries.

Public Comment

Leanna Fenn – wrote a letter to the Board and has not heard back. Believes she went through the chain of command talking with Kevin first and wrote the Board a letter expecting a response. Would like to see a change in the Board election process. Lane advised that she bring her concerns to the next Board meeting as an agenda item for her concerns to be addressed.

Adrienne Jacobs – has concerns about Natalie Metzger on the Board. Would like a waiting period if a teacher leaves the school. Wants the school and parents to have more of a say in the Board positions. Concerned about the previous behavior that Natalie exhibited in the school. Wants us to look forward and not be concerned about what happened in the past.

Mike Hudson – concerned that things in the past are being aired and feels that if that's going to happen all things should be aired.

Kaylee Hudson – likes the change that she sees in the Board meetings. What have we changed so that we can retain our teachers? We don't want constant change.

Alicia Wiser wanted clarification on turnover.

Lane reiterated that public comment is to make a statement, complaint, constructive criticism, not for a debate. If a concern needs to be addressed it needs to be an agenda item.

Charlotte Potter – doesn't want to continue hear negative things, makes it uncomfortable. Loves to hear the positive things and the shout outs for one another.

Liberty – glad to be here and a part of this school. Keep our eyes forward and everyone can forgive each other. Move forward.

Kevin C motioned to adjourn 8:28, Eva 2nd, all in favor.