

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda
Jan 11th, 2018, at 6:00 pm
539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Work session of the Board
 - a. Board Training – Committees
 - b. 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. 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.

5. Approval of minutes from December 14th, 2017, meeting.
6. Discussion and approval of legal counsel.
7. Discussion and approval of safe routes to school proposal.
8. Board Committee Reports
 - a. Arts Program Development
 - b. Accountability
 - c. PR/Marketing
 - d. Policy
 - e. Development
9. PTO Report
10. 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.
11. How well are students achieving the outcomes for which the school was chartered?
 - a. Mr. Dunkley's monthly report
12. Closed session if needed
13. Any action necessary resulting from discussion in closed session
14. Next meeting *proposed* for Feb 8th, 2018.

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Work Meeting:

Lane opened at 6:00

Committee Training by Shannon Greer

Board Attendance: Lane Blackmore, Kevin Castro, Michael Palfreyman, Alisha Martin, Miranda Kloos. Excused: Eva Pelton

Additional Attendance: Andria Vincent, Shawna Iverson, Mandy Jennings, Nikki Shaw, Crystal Brown, Alicia Wisler, Terra Wade, Tana Hall, Jessie Gates, Tara Freiberg, Dawn Holland, Joe Holland, McKel Cleveland, Nicole Simmons, Kaylee Hudson, Amber Bain, Leeanna Fenn, Neddy Keil, Kevin Dunkley, Peggy Childs

Lane opened regular session 6:42

Michael led Pledge of Allegiance

Alisha read Mission Statement

Public Comment: None

Kevin motioned to approve the Dec 14, 2017, meeting minutes, Alisha second, all in favor

Discussion of legal counsel – 3 bids – Erin Preston - \$175/hr, Ben Ruesch - \$160/hr, Joel Wright – yearly retainer. 2 have Charter school experience, Ben has municipal experience. Lane recommended to consider what our school needs and the availability. Peggy advised that there may be possible be more litigation so it would be nice to have someone with charter school law experience.

Alisha motioned to retain Erin Preston’s services, Kevin C second, all in favor

Safe routes to school discussion. There is some of Valley’s property that is being used regularly for kids walking to school – both Hurricane Elementary and Valley Academy. Kevin C asked if it would interfere with any long term development plans, Lane said it would not and would enhance future value. Recommended that it needs to be reviewed by legal and by USDA. Joe Holland commented that the city will pay to buy the property if it was part of the master plan to be a street, Arthur LeBaron will have information on it

Kevin C motioned to continue discussion regarding Safe Routes with the provisions that legal and USDA are involved and that the City is contacted about possibly purchasing, Michael 2nd, all in favor.

Committees-

Arts – no update

Accountability – Kaylee -Website Taskforce to get website up and running

Tara – update on 4 pillars in 2nd grade

Feb 1st – evening to help parents understand what SEL is

Sent out letters to 54 parents to take part in “Mindset”

PR/Marketing – no update

Policy – involving teachers on the updates in faculty meetings

Development –

PTO Meeting – no meeting in January

Kevin's Report – Thanked the teachers, Board, and Shannon for all that everyone does. Shared a story that talked about progression and hard work. Thanked the teachers for what they've done to get Valley to where it is. Faculty has come up with ideas on enrollment, busing, kindergarten, and dual enrollment.

Red Apple Update – Wants to give more transparency – what are the school's financial goals? Minimum goal of 5% operating margin, we are currently at 5.2% margin. Nate has created an initial pay scale, will better forecast revenues so we can still maintain the required margin. Will have a number by the end of January to present to teachers.

7:47 - Miranda motioned to move in to closed session to discuss the character and competence of an individual, Kevin C 2nd. Lane, Alisha, Michael, Kevin, Miranda all in favor.