

Valley Academy Inc. Public Board Meeting Agenda
August 6th @ 9 am
539 N 870 W, Hurricane, UT 84737

1. Welcome

2. 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.*

3. 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 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.

4. Monthly Training Topic: Erin Preston - Construction and Development

5. Review and discussion of Annual Board Calendar

6. Review and Report: Action Items from last month's meetings.

7. Business Manager's Monthly Report

8. Director's Monthly Report

9. Approval of the July 14th, 2022 meeting minutes

10. Discussion and possible approval of the updated mission statement to be submitted to the state

11. Discussion and possible approval to amend Exhibit A.

12. Discussion and possible approval of a marketing budget of \$12,000.

13. Discussion and possible approval of an animal shade purchase of \$10,000.

14. Review Board goals from the 2021-2022 school year

15. Discussion and creation of Board goals for the 2022-2023 school year

16. Review of committees and assignments for 2022-2023 school year

17. Closed session, if needed. **Utah Code 52-4-205(a).**

18. Any action necessary from closed session

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

20. Next proposed meeting is September 8th, 2022

21. Adjourn

Valley Academy Inc. Public Board Meeting Approved Minutes
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In attendance: Chair Miranda Kloos, Member Alisha Terry-Martin, Member Wes White, Member Buffy Nelson, Member Michael Palfreyman, Member Jackie Choto, Member Nicki Hill, Executive Director Tracy Stevens and Assistant Director JJ Tanner

Welcome by Chair Kloos, start of meeting at 9:06 am.

Member Palfreyman led Pledge.

Member Terry-Martin read the mission statement

No Public Comment

Monthly Training Topic: Erin Preston - Construction and Development moved to 1300 -1515

Founder of Providence Hall Charter school, Ms. Preston educated board on differences for district vs charter school building. Also educated regarding different funding, i.e. USDA financing, builder financing, bonded. VAC is a USDA loan since 2018-2019. Selling portables could reduce some cost. Keep total cost for facility under 20% of total revenue- USDA will consider this as viable.

Discussion performing arts build- outside, still need to meet ADA requirements. Informed that as it would be an outside amphitheater this is more cost effective. Ms. Preston informed that often architects do not seem to incorporate special needs or typically have expertise in that area.. Survey teachers for help with this. Consider environmental factors: Wind and heat. Member White discussion of outside vs inside hallways.

Review and discussion of Annual Board Calendar Only item is to add fall fundraiser to special agenda.

Review and Report: Action Items from last month's meetings. None.

Business Manager's Monthly Report No update- Nate Adams excused.

Director's Monthly Report Reviewed employees new and those who have left. Still short one position for lunch para. Summer projects nearing completion: floors, paint, outdoor improvements. Working on shade structure purchase for animals.

Approval of the July 14th, 2022 meeting minutes

Member Palfreyman made a motion to approve the minutes and Member White second from the July 14th meeting. **Miranda Kloos - Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin - Yes, Michael Palfreyman- Yes. Wes White- Yes. Buffy Nelson- Yes, Nicki Hill - Yes, Jackelyn Choto- Yes.**

Discussion and possible approval of the updated mission statement to be submitted to the state

Member White made a motion to update mission statement to be submitted to the state. Member Nelson second. Discussion - Mr. Tanner gave the background as to why mission statement is going to be updated. Looking to refresh and rebrand, while keeping it simple. New mission statement is simple, but retains all of the elements of the old. Board did discuss that Exhibit A still has the specifics of the foundation for the school. **Miranda Kloos - Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin - Yes, Michael Palfreyman- Yes. Wes White- Yes. Buffy Nelson- Yes, Nicki Hill - Yes, Jackelyn Choto- Yes.**

Discussion and possible approval to amend Exhibit A.

Member Palfreyman made a motion to approve amendment of Exhibit A. Member White second. Tracy stated that we need to update the verbiage so that we are comparing the same data as the state, our current verbiage leaves too much interpretation and goals are not achievable. **Miranda Kloos - Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin - Yes, Michael Palfreyman- Yes. Wes White- Yes. Buffy Nelson- Yes, Nicki Hill - Yes, Jackelyn Choto- Yes.**

Break

Discussion and possible approval of a marketing budget of \$12,000.

Member Hill made a motion to approve the marketing budget of \$12,000.. Member White second. **Miranda Kloos - Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin - Yes, Michael Palfreyman- Yes. Wes White- Yes. Buffy Nelson- Yes, Nicki Hill - Yes, Jackelyn Choto- Yes.**

Discussion and possible approval of an animal shade purchase of \$10,000.

Member White made a motion to approve the animal shade purchase of \$10,000. Member Choto second. **Miranda Kloos - Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin - Yes, Michael Palfreyman- Yes. Wes White- Yes. Buffy Nelson- Yes, Nicki Hill - Yes, Jackelyn Choto- Yes.**

Review Board goals from the 2021-2022 school year

1. Review- survey results doing a team activity
2. Retention list- Achieved
3. Teacher Training- Average, implementing
4. Action Plan from parent surveys- In Tracey's folder
5. Oversee skills four pillars- Charter accountability monthly meeting
6. 3 year goal- add 9th grade and facility, amphitheater, preschool
7. Academics and Building

Discussion and creation of Board goals for the 2022-2023 school year

Discussion was held about upcoming goals, the role of governance versus management, and the purpose and intention of how goals align with the Charter. A summary of revised new goals will be documented by Chair Kloos. It was decided to continue to focus on supporting the Pillars/pathways, accountability to the charter and the Mission and Vision of VAC as well as the role of the Board in the oversight, monitoring, and ensuring accountability to the Charter by VAC leadership. Discussion was held on how goals and committees would ensure oversight in methods, measurements and timeliness so that charter goals are met. Updated goals will be posted by Chair Kloos.

Review of committees and assignments for 2022-2023 school year

Executive - Miranda and Alisha
Finance - Jackie and Miranda
Audit - Jackie, Miranda, Michael
Safety - Wes and Michael
Policy - Buffy and Nicki
Charter Accountability - Alisha, Jackie, Wes, Nicki

No closed session needed.

Recap and assignment of any action items needed from this meeting

Mr. Stevens to update and submit a request for a new mission statement. Member Hill to complete minutes
Chair Kloos to update the website with committees and the public information handouts. Board Members
Agreements- all members signed and turned in with the exception of Member White who was excused early
from the meeting.

Next proposed meeting is September 8th, 2022

Adjourn 1546

Member Hill made a motion to adjourn. Member Palfreman second. **Miranda Kloos - Yes, Alisha Terry-Martin - Yes, Michael Palfreyman- Yes. Buffy Nelson- Yes, Nicki Hill - Yes, Jackelyn Choto- Yes.**