

Valley Arts Academy Public Meeting Agenda
June 22, 2010

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Discuss Board Training (Robert's Rules of Order)
3. Discussion and creation of vision statement
4. iSchool partnership agreement proposal
5. Discussion on grade levels- Steve Goodman
6. Revisions to application with intent to send back for charter board review on the 23rd of June.
7. Discuss creating an application, advertising and goals for hiring a Director
8. Discussion of recruiting (and application for) board members with specific skills
9. Discuss the timeframe for recruiting volunteers, forming committees and hours for being considered a school founder.
10. Plan time and place for next meeting.
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Valley Arts Academy Public Meeting
June 22, 2010, 7pm held at 726 N 150 W, Hurricane, UT

In attendance: Alisha Terry-Humphries, Dawn Martin, Meghan Gatlin, Derek Lewis, Judy and Lane Blackmore, Gaylene Knoke, Steve Goodman.

Welcome and call to order

Discussion on Robert's Rules of Order. Everyone will familiarize themselves with this, and we will discuss it at the next meeting. The discussion will be led by Lane Blackmore who has experience in parliamentary procedure.

Welcome Derek Lewis to the meeting. Derek has a strong background in technology and is willing to assist the board as we move forward. Derek is also a police officer and will be able to help in the forming of safety policies. Alisha proposed that Derek be added to the Board and all members were in favor.

Discussion of vision statement. The school mission statement was read from the charter. We wrote our ideas for the vision of the school up on a white board. Alisha will draft a vision statement comprised of all the ideas given and send it out for the board's approval.

Discussion of adding one more board member with specific experience. We need some experience with supply and with fundraising. All board members will be looking for interested people.

In accordance with state recommendations, Cory Martin and Judy Blackmore resigned from the Board so that no family members will be on the board together. Cory and Judy will be advisors to the board.

Discussion on recruiting volunteers, forming committees and school founder status. Steve Goodman suggested starting in October, having a public meeting every week to gather interest and answer questions. At those meetings we can ask for people to sign up for committees. Lane Blackmore suggested we need to attract all good people, so it would be good to advertise a list of the specific help we need. A list of possible committees was read from the charter.

- Parent Advisory Committee (like PTO)
- Volunteering in the classroom
- Community Service
- Lunchroom
- Playground/Recess
- Records, providing extra help to the paid school staff such as in the office
- Newsletter
- Website/Computer support
- Special Needs

- Music
- Dance
- Visual Arts
- Theater
- Special Events
- Fund raisers
- Field trips
- Library
- Grounds and building maintenance
- School tours
- Before and after school programs/performances
- Student carpool
- Safety
- Academics

It was discussed that Board members will be put in charge of the oversight of committees as a liaison between the committee and the Board. A description of what we will expect from founding parents will be drafted for Board approval. Founding parents will be expected to be leaders and donate a certain number of hours to the school.

Discussion of iSchool partnership agreement. This was sent out to the Board to review. Lane Blackmore made a motion to accept the agreement with the addition of “in writing” to page 2, first paragraph, last bullet, to read: “ Such other responsibilities and duties as may, from time to time, be requested by the Charter School Board in writing”. Lane further proposed that the document be accepted pending final review by Trent Seegmiller. Dawn Martin second the motion. All members in favor.

Discussion of revisions to application made in accordance with readers comments. An MOU between Hurricane City and VAA will also be added. The revised document has been sent to all Board members. The Accountability section has been deleted at the request of the state charter staff, to be replaced later with goals from the state charter board. Alisha said it will be ready to send back for state charter staff review on Friday, 6/26/2010. Lane Blackmore made a motion to accept the document with revisions. Dawn Martin second. All members in favor.

Discussion on recruiting a Director. Lane Blackmore made a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting. Dawn Martin second. All members in favor.

Discussion on grade levels. Charter schools in our area have had a difficult time filling 7th and 8th grade the first year. Steve Goodman presented 3 options for the Board to think about.

1. Have no 7th and 8th grade the first year.
2. Have no 7th and 8th grade the first year, adding the 100 students that would have been in those grades where they are most needed according to who enrolls. This will create a bubble in those grades.
3. Have no 7th and 8th grade the first year, adding the 100 extra students to 4 grades equally (25 in each grade, K-3)

All options have specific details to consider. Enrollment is needed to keep school funding. One teacher may have to teach 2nd and 3rd grade on the same day with our curriculum. Also discussed the option of raising the number of students at the school. Lane Blackmore made

a motion to put this item back on the agenda for next meeting. Dawn Martin second. All members in favor.

Date of next meeting will be July 22, 2010 at 6:30pm, place to be decided.

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