

North Davis Preparatory Academy **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

Location: 1765 W. Hill Field Rd., Layton, UT 84041



In Attendance: Monte Poll, Jennifer Bazzano, Kristin Elinkowski, & Linda Larsen

Other in Attendance: Mariam Herrimann (Asst. Principal), Debby Gomberg (Principal), Kaden Killpack (Student), Brad Taylor (AW), Ryan Arrington (AW), Trent Brown (AW) and Dawn Kawaguchi (AW)

Excused: Kathy Thornburg

VISION:

North Davis Preparatory Academy students develop a love of learning, experience high academic achievement, and enjoy high bi-literate proficiency.

PURPOSE:

To instill in our students a love of learning through enjoyable learning experiences, a progressive educational program in core subjects and a bi-literate curriculum, all in an environment of respect, parental involvement, and a strong sense of community.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:10 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions —Monte Poll
- ❖ Vision – Linda Larsen
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance – Kristin Elinkowski

REPORTS

- ❖ **Student Report** by *Kaden Killpack*
 - Kaden thanked the Board for giving scholarships to the students.
 - They are gearing up for the Valentine's Day Dance.
- ❖ **Principal Report**
 - Update on Administrative Assistant revised work schedule.
 - Debby thanked Monte for the wonderful speech he made at the ISA assembly last week. It was amazing how he connected with the students.
 - We had our open house for new students that night. We also had a special session at Open House for 6th grade families. Our own students presented the many activities we offer at NDPA.
 - Debby asked Monte in the pre-board meeting if there was anything that he would like her to report on. Monte asked Debby to report on how the Spanish immersion is going. Debby spoke with the Spanish teachers. They reported that teachers are not being so strict that students are uncomfortable, that they allow some English on occasion. Mariam presented comparison math scores from last year in both immersion and exposure. Most scores show that they are either the same or better. Debby explained that the school has done some curriculum work together which has helped teachers blossom. There was some discussion on the new math core that will be starting next year. Mariam also showed the comparison on language arts (whether they are on benchmark). There was discussion on how the population of the school has changed. The board was very happy with the results.

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- ❖ **POET Report** *by Jennifer Bazzano*
 - POET is great and we have a fantastic board
 - Science Fair coming up in a couple of weeks
 - Art Auction has been changed to May 6th
 - Jennifer reported that our 6th graders were invited to take a National Math Test for Charter School. Mr. Garcia & Mrs. Wilbur had 14 students that wanted to attend. It was held at Beehive Academy. It was a critical thinking math test. There were only two students that didn't make the top 100 out of about 250 charter school students.
- ❖ **Academica Report**
 - Annual Open Meetings Act Training/Review – Trent reported that all boards are required to have an annual Open Meetings Act Training. He provided the training using the FAQ that Gabe had put together for the NDPA Board of Directors.
 - Discuss the Budget as of January 15, 2011 – Brad reported that the school has been granted the property tax refund. Brad stated that Debby continues to do a fantastic job at managing the budget. Brad introduced Academica West's newest employee, Ryan Arrington. Ryan comes to us from Schmitt, Griffith, Smith & Co. which is the accounting firm who currently does the school's audit. He has worked on NDPA's account and is very familiar with the school. Ryan briefly reviewed the annual audit. He reported that there were no findings for the fiscal year ending June 2010. Debby stated that Academica West continues to improve their services. AW has implemented a way for her to view their payable accounts. The information is captured every night so that it is current.

Monte Poll made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ New Hires – *Debby briefly reviewed the new hires.*
- ❖ Accept 2010-2011 Budget as of January 15, 2011
- ❖ Approve the December 1, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Voted Upon During Board Meeting)

The money being spent for the Spain trip is not all school money. Some money is coming from the students and some has been donated from POET. Since we want to air on the side of caution, we are bringing it to the board for approval because it is over \$10,000.

- ❖ *Monte Poll made a motion to approve the \$14, 122.06 for the Spanish Trip. Motion passed unanimously.*

Debby explained that she has just added soccer as an extra-curricular sport in the so it needed to be added to the fee schedule. We hope that it will be co-ed.

- ❖ *Monte Poll made motion to approve the addition of the \$35 fee for soccer. Motion passed unanimously.*

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items for Discussion Only)

- ❖ *Calendar Items*
 - Debby informed the board that we will need to approve next year's calendar next month and we may have to do it electronically. Dawn stated that we will be meeting for interviews next month and since we have to post it we could just take care of that business at that time.
 - There was discussion on if anyone has heard from Chris Bleak on the offer of the pro-rated UAPCS membership fee.
 - Next board meeting rescheduled for March 30th.
- ❖ *Discuss Board Vacancies*
 - We are now receiving resumes although we have received any yet. Monte would like to schedule interviews for March so that the new member can start attending board meetings in April. There was a lengthy discussion on what are we looking for in a board member.

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

7:54 PM Monte made a motion to ADJOURN. Motion passed unanimously. (Duration 1:45:30)

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