

North Davis Preparatory Academy Work Session Minutes February 7, 2007



Approved April 11, 2007

In Attendance: Monte Poll, Oscar Aguayo, Mornie Sims, Kim Valeika, Trent Brown
Others in Attendance: Debby Gomberg (Principal), Jed Stevenson (Academica West), Emily Coon (Academica West)

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 a environment of respect, parental involvement, and a strong sense of community.

MINUTES

6:15 PM - Call to order by Monte Poll.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Debby Gomberg reviewed the School Land Trust Fund Application. She estimates about \$19,600 will be available. Requirements for the plan Debby is recommending include:
 - Project-based, relating to core curriculum concepts
 - Develop extension activities for the gifted and talented students
 - Incorporate inquiry teaching methods
 - Incorporate higher levels of thinking skills
 - Incorporate "Habits of Mind" or work ethic skills to promote independent learning

The budget is as follows:

Summer Training in Inquiry Methods	\$3,000
Stipends for Teachers for Training	\$3,750 (\$250 for 15 teachers*)
Consultant Fees from Experts	\$5,000 (Lang. Arts, Spanish)
Stipends for Teachers for Curriculum Development	\$6,000 (\$400 for 15 teachers)
Travel/Lodging for Training/Consulting	\$1,250
Meals/Supplies	\$684
TOTAL	\$19,684
*Note: All teachers will be invited to participate in this training, but our Spanish teachers usually go back to Spain during the summer, and I assume some teachers will not be able to attend.	

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- The community council put together 3 separate calendars. Davis District significantly changed their calendar for the '07 – '08 school year. The council recommended starting school 7 school days sooner, a two week winter break, a 3 day spring break, school dismisses the last Friday in May.

Principal Report

- Gold Medal School Program – Kids will have 20 minutes to eat once they sit down with their lunches.
- Open Enrollment has started. The school's population has really stabilized.
- Debby's State of the School Address included great Dibels testing scores, students are making great progress, intervention groups are working well.

POET Report

- Kim reviewed the status of parent volunteer hours. She requested the board positively recognize those who have completed their hours and reach out to those who have not completed their hours yet.

Board Report

- Mornie reported the school has been approved for a charter under the state rather than through Davis County School District as well as for an expansion to the 9th grade.
- At this time, and board executive committee will be formed to make decisions on property acquisition. The committee will consist of Trent Brown, Mornie Sims, Monte Poll. Kim Valeika will be an alternate.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 PM.

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