

North Davis Preparatory Academy
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Location: 1765 W. Hill Field Rd.
August 5, 2009



Approved: October 7, 2009

In attendance: Kristin Elinkowski, Kathy Thornburg, Terra Nuttall
Others in Attendance: Debby Gomberg, Kurt Farnsworth, Emily Coon, Brad Taylor, Caitlyn Wallace.

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.

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6:15 PM - INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions by Kristin Elinkowski.
 - Introduce Caitlyn Wallace as the new 9th grade Board Representative.

REPORTS

- ❖ Principal Report
 - Debby Gomberg reported that the Spanish Ambassador will be in Utah the week before Halloween and Fernando Martin will bring him to the school. There are no other schools in Utah with as many teachers from Spain. Debby would like to put out a press release to announce this and to announce the official approval of NDPA becoming an ISA school.
 - She also reported on the enrollment and registration. The budgeted amount of students is 950 this year, but is approved for 1,000. Diane Linford is working to verify all enrollments and registrations and to ensure the school is at or above capacity on October 1, 2009.
- ❖ POET Report
 - Terra and her crew are preparing the buildings for the teachers to return on Monday.
- ❖ Board Report
 - Rita briefly addressed the budget. Brad reported that there may be some additional funding called ARRA from federal stimulus funds for special education. A plan needs to be submitted by the school. The amounts reported in the budget are amounts that have previously been awarded. It is unknown if September's budgeted amount will be received.
- ❖ Academics Report
 - Brad reported Academics has two new employees to assist NDPA. Amanda McEwan will be providing bookkeeping services and Jay Kearsley will be assisting with maintenance work.
 - Also, several AW employees attended the special education law conference.

Kristin made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS as listed below. Motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ Approve Board Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2009
- ❖ Approve Closed Session Affidavit from July 15, 2009
- ❖ Debby Gomberg introduced the new hires as follows:

❖ Judith Sastre	2 nd Grade/Spanish	From Spain	(Mr. Elliott)
❖ Montserrat Bertran	4 th Grade/Spanish	From Spain	(Mr. Gonzalez)
❖ Cami Parry	Jr High Math	7 yrs Exper.	(Mr. Gonzalez)
❖ Amy Herzberger	Jr High Science	New	(Mrs. Wade)
❖ Kendra May	Jr High Soc. St	New	(Ms. Gray)

BUSINESS ITEMS (To be Voted Upon During Board Meeting)

- Debby said that in a nutshell, most of the changes to the employee handbook were formatting changes, FMLA changes, and changing “NDPA” to “the school”. Monte made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook as amended; Motion passed unanimously.
- The substantive change in the Safe Schools Policy is to define suspension and expulsion. In order for an expelled student to reenroll in the school is to go through the standard lottery process like all other students are required to do. Monte made a motion to approve the Safe Schools Policy; Motion passed unanimously.
- Debby summarized the Building Rental Policy, the Capitalization and Expense Policy, and the Fee Waiver Policy. Monte made a motion to approve the three policies as amended and updated; Motion passed unanimously.
- Monte turned the time over to Jake Johnson to introduce his company, Eminent Technical Services (ETS). ETS would like to provide technical support services. Some discussion took place. Monte made a motion to table the technology vote. Additional discussion took place. The motion to table the vote passed unanimously. This will be readdressed during another board meeting.
- Monte, Clay, Kristin, and many others have reviewed the lease agreement and are almost ready to approve the lease agreement, but have one last question that is still unanswered. AW was unable to provide an answer for the question during the board meeting. Tomorrow, they would like to get some board members opinions and find an agreeable solution.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items For Discussion Only)

- ❖ The discussion on the purchasing policy will continue at another board meeting. The board would like to change the policy.
- ❖ Monte discussed some information he received from Gabe Clark, the AW legal counsel, about Open Meeting Law. There is a DVD online at the Utah State Risk Management website. He requested that all board members review this hour long presentation.
- ❖ Monte also requested an electronic board meeting tomorrow night to vote on Brent Van Alfen’s retainer fee and the Junior High Lease Agreement.
- ❖ He would like to have a Fall Retreat to discuss goals. This is scheduled for September 9, 2009.

8:20 PM – Battery on recorder died, replaced immediately and discussion continued on the second recording.

8:43 PM – Monte made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.