

North Davis Preparatory Academy

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

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



In Attendance: Kristin Elinkowski, Linda Larsen, Jennifer Bazzano, and Kathy Thornburg

Others in Attendance: Debby Gomberg (Principal), Kaden Killpack (Student Rep), Dawn Kawaguchi (AW) and Trent Brown (AW)

Excused: Monte Poll

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.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6:03 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

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

REPORTS

❖ **Student Report** by *Kaden Killpack*

- Kaden reported that there were student complaints about ipods in the lunchroom that were approved but were taken away by the janitor once they used them. Ms. Gomberg explained that they do not want students listening to the music while they are eating in the lunchroom.
- The other problem is that the students must go outside around the building after lunch and it is taking them an extra five minutes. The students are getting to class late and the teachers are upset. Ms. Gomberg is aware of the problem.

6:07 p.m. Kaden was excused at this time

❖ **Principal Report** by *Debby Gomberg*

- Debby reported that the school is losing two staff members in the Jr. High.
- Parent Teacher conferences went well.
- Mariam Herrmann is doing an outstanding job in Debby's opinion. Mariam has recognized her weaknesses and is working on them. Mariam has continued to push the faculty become experts. This has caused some stress among the teachers because we are asking them to think like an expert and they are not experts yet. Debby is very pleased with the overall growth of the teachers in the school.
- Ms. Aroa, the math teacher, is teaching active learning. She teaches concept which they keep in a notebook. She has the students try it. Then she has the students do their own error analysis and error correction. The students are learning how to participate with this different way of teaching.

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- Immersion is going to well. There is still some English being spoken in classes but they are easing into it. It's becoming a preferred language and a language of status.
- Transition of the Assistant Principal is going well. Kim is doing an marvelous job. She doesn't jump into things as much as Mariam. Debby is having a hard time letting things go. She doesn't worry and the school is in good hands.
- ❖ **POET Report** by Jennifer Bazzano
 - Everything is fantastic. There have been some growing pains in the Jr. High but we knew that was going to happen. Trying not to do too many new things.
 - New this year is NDPA Heroes. Balloons will be given to students whose parents have done an outstanding job. They will be given out the first Friday of every month.
- ❖ **Board Report**
 - Discuss the 2010-2011 Budget as of September 15, 2010 – Linda Larsen briefly reported on the budget. Some areas of interest which it looks like we have gone over the budget but we really haven't. One of the areas is under expenses for library books. They were some books that were purchased after July 1st which was carried over from last year's budget. The other area is under "Operations & Maintenance" which is computer the expenses. This overage is because we purchased some things under the Special Ed stimulus funds. The budget will be adjusted by the December meeting to correspond with the October 1st count.
 - ✓ October 1 count was 982 and our budgeted for 975 students

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

- ❖ New Hires – Debby reported that Shaunna Reynolds is doing a fabulous job as the behavior specialist. Debby decided to hire a social worker for the behavior specialist. Shaunna is going to start running parenting classes.
- ❖ Accept 2010-2011 Budget as of September 15, 2010
- ❖ Approve the August 4, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Approve the September 1, 2010 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Ratify the approval of the ETS Purchase of Computers in the amount of \$22,932.60
- ❖ Approve the September 29, 2010 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Ratify the approval of the Utah Consolidated Application

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Voted Upon During Board Meeting)

Debby explained that they now have two sound systems for every grade.

- ❖ Kristin made a motion to approve the Sound System purchase from Sun Products in the amount of \$13,240. Motion passed unanimously.

Debby explained that the booster club has been going out to solicit funds from outside sources. The booster club fundraises for the activities and sports. They would like to put up appreciation signs for these sponsors. Trent and Debby along with booster club have been researching the city ordinances, etc. It can go along the back fence "driveway". They would like to put up banners for \$1,000 donations for a full section of fence or \$500 for a half section. They have a place where they can get nice banners that should last more than a year. There was discussion on how it is going to look. Jennifer said that they talked about another option that would be space in the gymnasium. Trent stated that to put a sign on your property, you will have to get a permit from the city but there is no cost. The city has size limitations and they need to know which way they will be facing.

- ❖ Kristin made a motion to not do any advertising on the fence this year but to approve an advertisement type board or space in the gymnasium. Motion passed unanimously.

Debby found out that they have been charging fees for the athletics. She has updated the fee schedule to reflect the activity groups' fees. There were minor changes to the fee schedule but the athletics have been added. The locker combination was changed to \$10 from the schedule given to the board. Debby explained that the sports fees are not more than what Davis School District charges with the exception of baseball.

- ❖ Kristin made a motion to approve the Fee Schedule with the change on the locker comb charge to

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\$10. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items for Discussion Only)

- ❖ Debby briefly updated the board on the Spain Trip. Currently, they have six students signed up but they need twelve to go to Salamanca. Students will stay at homes in sets of two but must go out in sets of four. Debby briefly explained what their daily schedule entailed. There was discussion on how much money the board would like to give to a scholarship since there has been money put aside for this. They would like to be able to put more money this year since this is the first year. Different ideas were discussed. The board asked Debby to bring a recommendation of the amount she thinks she will need for student scholarships for the Spain Trip.

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

7:30 PM – Kristin made a motion to ADJOURN the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.