

North Davis Preparatory Academy
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 1, 2010

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



In Attendance: Monte Poll, Linda Larsen, Kristin Elinkowski, Kathy Thornburg, and Jennifer Bazzano (6:24 p.m.)

Others in Attendance: Debby Gomberg (Principal), Chris Bleak (UAPCS), Brad Taylor (AW), Sheldon Killpack (AW), Trent Brown (AW) and Dawn Kawaguchi (AW)

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

6:10 p.m. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions —Monte Poll
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance – Kathy Thornburg
- ❖ Vision – Linda Larsen

REPORTS

- ❖ **UAPCS** – *Chris Bleak*

Chris introduced himself as the new Director of the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools. He briefly reviewed his background and experience. Chris has a strong lobbying background and understands how the legislature works. The Association's focus over the next couple of years will be on a few of key things. They want to create a funding stream that is stabilized and predictable so that the schools and parents have what they need. Local replacement funding is high on the list. Chris wants to make sure they are servicing the Directors, Boards, parents and business managers. The association wants to better balance those focuses on whom we are serving and who our constitutes are. Chris briefly answered several questions by the board. Chris stated that they want to be a full time advocate for charter schools.

6:57 p.m. *Chris was excused at this time.*

Sheldon gave a brief background on how the changes in UAPCS came to be. There was discussion on how joining will benefit the school. There was discussion on if the board would like to join. The question arose if we can get a pro-rated due since half of the year is over.

- ❖ **Principal Report** – *Debby Gomberg*

- Debby informed the board that the State Office of Education is part of a consortium with 37 other states that are developing what they call a common core. This means our core curriculum is going to change.
 - ✓ Language Arts –The Utah curriculum seems to have been about a year behind the rest of the states – which has shown on our Iowa scores. There will be movement away from things like multiple choice tests because they need to be able to write more. There will be more short answer and essays questions. You will see an emphasis more on writing. You will also see an emphasis more on their thought and ability to organize and express word choice and vocabulary as oppose to conventions. Teachers will be trained over the

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summer. The implementation process will be over a period of years. The end of level tests will eventually change. Our core will probably accelerate some.

- ✓ Math – This is going to be a huge change. It is considered to be an international model. There will still be K-8 math and then there will be Secondary Math 1, 2, 3. They are all going to be phased. The new core is more advanced, complicated and integrated. Math 6 will be a fairly significant change. Pre-Algebra will still be part of the 6th grade core. No one will take an Algebra class. It will all be integrated differently. The tests will change and become more like exemplars. The test will be called performance assessments without multiple choice. There are some pretty significant changes. It will be more difficult for the general students. We currently have Tracy Seib (1st Grade) on a state committee working with LA. Debby has recommended Kim Lovell to represent our school for a state math committee. Next year we will implement in the 6th and 9th grade the new course. There will still be some Algebra classes until we can phase them out.

- Debby reviewed the new hires.

❖ **POET Report** – Jennifer Bazzano

- We are a well oiled machine.
- We have great parents who are fantastic volunteers.
- Not a whole lot going on this month
- The Polar Plunge is next month. Tag line is “Freezing for a Reason”. It will be at Fort Buenaventura.

❖ **Academica Report**

- Discuss the Budget as of November 15, 2010 – Brad stated on record that Debby does a fantastic job on the budget.
- Discuss the Proposed 2010 -2011 Budget Amendments – Brad reminded the board that they usually amend the budget after the October 1 count and in the spring. He briefly reviewed the areas that they are changing and why. Some of the adjustments came from last year’s budget but weren’t purchased until after the beginning of this year. A request for appeal was turned in regarding the property tax. The property tax was paid in November. We are hoping to get some of the property tax refunded.

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

- ❖ New Hires
- ❖ Accept 2010-2011 Budget as of November 15, 2010
- ❖ Approve the October 7, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Approve the November 5, 2010 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Ratify the 2010-11 Board of Directors’ Student Scholarship Fund for \$20,000

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Voted Upon During Board Meeting)

There was a brief discussion on if the board is ready to make a decision tonight or table it after more discussion. There was discussion on adding this to the amended budget tonight as well.

- ❖ *Monte Poll made a motion to approve joining the UAPCS on the condition it will be a pro-rated amount for this year and an on-going amount for the foreseeable future so that they will not have to vote on this annually. Motion passed unanimously.*

Debby explained that the state has required a line to be put in the Special Ed manual.

- ❖ *Monte Poll made a motion to approve the updates to the Special Education Manual Revisions. Motion passed unanimously.*

Debby stated that last meeting when she brought the fee schedule to the board she took off the art fee. She has added it back on the fee schedule.

- ❖ *Monte Poll made a motion to approve the updates to the NDPA School Fee Schedule. Motion passed unanimously.*

Debby explained the decision was made last board meeting to advertise in the gym. All of the sponsors backed out but one. The booster club is asking for only four sections on the far south fence. Trent stated that we will have to get a permit to put up a sign. Kristin added that Layton City has some pretty strict sign ordinances. There was a

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lengthy discussion on the pros and cons on this matter. There was a brief discussion on other areas where the booster club can raise money.

- ❖ *Monte Poll made a motion to table the POET Advertisements on Fence until more information has been brought to the board. Motion passed unanimously.*

- ❖ *Monte Poll made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 Budget Amendments including an additional \$2,000 to the trip to Spain and additional line item specifically for the UAPCS which was discussed. Motion passed unanimously.*

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items for Discussion Only)

- ❖ *Calendar Items – There was a brief discussion on board vacancies. Monte would like to advertise on the web site on February 1st for an entire month and start interviewing in March. He would like to have them start attending board meetings by the April Board Meeting.*

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

8:36 p.m. Monte Poll made a motion to ADJOURN the board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
(Duration 2:26)