

North Davis Preparatory Academy Board Meeting Minutes December 6, 2006

Approved: February 7, 2007



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

MINUTES

7:50 PM – Meeting called to order by Monte Poll. The welcome, pledge, and vision were skipped due to time constraints.

- **Kim Valeika made a motion to accept October's board meeting and workshop minutes. Trent Brown seconded the motion. Mornie Simms abstained because she was not present at the last board meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.**

REPORTS:

- Parent Organization – Kim Valeika reported:
 - Barnes and Noble Day earned \$504 in gift cards for the library and teachers.
 - Class Geography Bee was held and went smoothly.
 - Spelling Bee will be held January 11th
 - Impressions will be in March.
- Principal's Report - Debby Gomberg had the state Special Ed program directors at the school. All parents who have Special Ed students were invited. Approximately 15 parents showed up and were interviewed with an agreement of anonymity by the state. Some strengths the committee pointed out were:
 1. The special ed program by Mariam was one of the best programs they have seen. They were amazed at the services, the files, the level of organization, the hierarchy of services is going very well.
 2. There is a very positive attitude.
 3. The focus of Spanish implementation was evident.

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- Improvements that need to be made came mostly from the parents and include:
 1. Accommodations being made in the classroom, not just the special ed room. This includes ensuring the homeroom teacher and special ed teacher coordinate homework assignments.
 2. Also, parents of Special Ed. students need to be instructed better in their rights.
- Academica West - Jed Stevenson reported:
 - A significant increase in Special Ed. funding beyond what was budgeted.
 - The CUSAP that was approved last board meeting has been submitted.
 - NDPA has been awarded their third year of federal start-up monies. NDPA was awarded one of the higher amounts in the state.
 - NDPA would like to apply for a Junior High. They need to submit a charter to the State Charter School Board before February to be considered for the 2008-2009 school year.
 - The audit for NDPA came back clean. Academica will give a formal report in February. During the audit, the auditors decided to audit Academica West (AW) since AW is handling most of the funds. AW's audit came back clean as well.
- Budget Report – Trent Brown reported:
 - AW and Debby Gomberg are doing a fine job drawing down the funds. Many schools don't apply for funds and the money set aside for them is being left on the table.
 - The school is in good standing financially.
 - The computer loan has been paid in-full.
 - After reviewing several options of safe, secure, and insured investment opportunities, **Mornie made a motion to approve the investment, proposed by Trent Brown, of two chunks of \$50,000 into a Certificate of Deposit with Barnes Bank. Kim seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.** The long-term plan Trent has proposed is to continue staggering additional funds into safe investments such as this.

7:30 – BUSINESS ITEMS

- April Board Meeting date was changed. **Trent made a motion to approve the meeting change. Kim seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.**
- The Rental Agreement sets the policy and direction for renting out the school. **Trent made a motion to approve the rental agreement, Mornie seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.**
- The Employee Handbook has been thoroughly reviewed, prior concerns have been resolved, **Kim Valeika made a motion to approve the employee handbook as written. Trent seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.**

8:25 PM **Mornie made a motion to adjourn to a closed session. Trent seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.**

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