

North Davis Preparatory Academy  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Location: 1765 W. Hill Field Rd.  
December 2, 2009



Approved: February 3, 2010

In Attendance: Monte Poll, Kristin Elinkowski, Rita Alexander, Terra Nuttall

Excused: Kathy Thornburg

Others in Attendance: Kurt Farnsworth, Debby Gomberg, Caitlynn, Trent Brown, Emily Coon, Mariam Herrman, Caitlyn Wallace (SBO Board Liaison)

Students: Tyler Gross, Ashley Pabawena, Megan Potter, Anthony Martinez, Hailey Haywood

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**

### **6:05 PM - INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions by Monte Poll.
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance by Caitlyn Wallace.
- ❖ Vision by Ashley Pabawena.

### **REPORTS**

- ❖ Student Report– Caitlyn Wallace reported this year is going much better than last year. Individual teachers were named and thanked for the attention they give to the students.
- ❖ Principal Report – Debby Gomberg
  - The Utah Consolidated Application was submitted, the School Trust Lands Committee was submitted also.
  - Debby announced she signed the documents and the school is officially an International Spanish Academy. North Davis Preparatory Academy is the first and only ISA school in Utah. The students will be able to take a European government test to prove their Spanish speaking ability.
  - Direct Writing Assessment – Debby reported that several years ago, the school was only achieving approximately 65% on the DWA. Last year, NDPA 81% of the students passed the test. This is a great accomplishment for the school. Ms. Robinson, the Language Arts Teacher at the school, invited several students to come tonight and share some of their writing or give a summary of their experience in Language Arts.
  - Mariam Herrmann gave a quick report on student performance. Snapshots were taken from January 2009 (Pilot), September 2009, and November 2009.
  - Debby also reported the ARRA funds can only be used for Special Education, not a computer lab as planned. Debby and Brad have made adjustments.
- ❖ POET Report – Terra Nuttall
  - Terra reported Emergency backpacks are being made for the junior high, SEOP's are this month, science fair is coming up, and a teacher luncheon will be held in this month too.
  - The carnival didn't have a great turnout; likely because of the H1N1 and chicken pox outbreaks. The new teachers from Spain were amazed that parents put so much effort into volunteering for their child's school. Kurt noticed the junior high parents are more supportive this year and more involved.

- ❖ Board Report
  - Rita reported the school has an additional \$12,000 surplus. Also, the school received additional state funding than was budgeted because the school was an additional 18 students over their budgeted 950 students at the October 1 count.
  - The school didn't receive a Federal Facilities Grant because USOE didn't receive it.
  - Several budget adjustments have been made and reported in the board meeting.
  - The School Land Trust money increased.
- ❖ Academics Report
  - Kurt and Trent have reviewed Snow Removal Bids and made a determination on who will provide service and determined what will be plowed and when. The school also purchased a snow blower.
  - Trent has been working with UEN to have better internet service and also to try to get a grant to pay for this service for at 5 years. We should receive word by the end of December.

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

- ❖ Approve the October 7, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Approve the October 16, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Approve the November 19, 2009 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes
- ❖ New Hires
  - David Len Allen is a new teacher to take over the music program as Scott Tanner is pursuing his doctorate.
- ❖ Ratify the Utah Consolidated Achievement Plan

**BUSINESS ITEMS (To be Voted Upon During Board Meeting)**

- ❖ Monte made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Monte made a motion to approve the Revised Lottery / Admissions Policy. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Monte made a motion to approve the Arrest Reporting Policy that will be placed in the Employee Handbook. Motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items For Discussion Only)**

- ❖ Monte and Kristin reviewed the purchasing policy and are comfortable with where it is at now, but wanted some additional input from the board members. At this point, 0-\$5,000 requires no approval. \$5,000 - \$10,000 requires a signature from the Board Treasurer, and \$10,000 requires full board approval.
- ❖ It may be time to begin accepting applications for a new board member.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (Comments will be limited to 3 minutes each)**

**7:54 PM – Monte made a motion to ADJOURN TO A CLOSED SESSION to discuss the character or competence of an individual. Motion passed unanimously.**