

North Davis Preparatory Academy  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Location: 1765 W. Hill Field Rd.  
February 4, 2009



Approved: April 1, 2009

In Attendance: Monte Poll, Mornie Sims, Rita Alexander, Kristin Elinkowski (by phone at 7:45 pm), Amy Vidmar (Student Representative)

Not in Attendance: Oscar Aguayo

Others in Attendance – Kurt Farnsworth (Vice Principal), Debby Gomberg (Principal), Brad Taylor (AW), Emily Coon (AW), Terra Nuttall (POET Co-Chair), Mariam Herrmann (Teacher), Fernando Martin (Spanish Embassy Representative for Utah)

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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**7:10 PM** - Welcome and Introductions by Monte Poll.

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance by Jacob Roundy
- ❖ Vision by Olivia Roundy

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

- ❖ Approve Board Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2008
- ❖ Approve New Hires

### **REPORTS**

- ❖ Principal Report
  - Mariam Herrmann gave a report on how the students are doing in Math and Reading.
  - Kurt Farnsworth gave a Jr. High Update. He reported that behavior has improved, the basketball team is going well, and students are more serious about learning than earlier in the year.
  - Debby reported that Walter Elliott has designed an oral evaluation for Spanish acquisition to determine where students are in their learning. He has recruited a parent to help him.
- ❖ Rita Alexander gave an update on upcoming POET activities.
- ❖ Brad Taylor gave a brief Academica Report.
- ❖ Amy reported that the Christmas dance put on by the student government and activities advisor went very well. The NDPA basketball game went very well. The co-ed intramural volleyball team started practicing yesterday.

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

- ❖ Mornie gave a report on the Lease vs. Purchase option. In time, the purchase option would be ideal because it will not increase over time as a lease could. Over time, it could take up a smaller percentage of the budget. Tomorrow afternoon, NDPA will have a conference call with other schools and attorneys about the purchase option. There were some concerns regarding short-term cash flow that were addressed with John Buck earlier. He will work on some possible solutions to this problem. **Monte made a motion to table the vote on the purchase vs. not purchase option at this time. Motion passed unanimously.**
- ❖ Fernando Martin gave an introduction on the International Spanish Academy. The idea is to have certain schools in the US and Canada that provide the students with some programs in order to have those students fluent in Spanish and English. Benefits include having a network of 30 schools in US and Canada working together. **Monte made a motion to approve the school applying for the International Spanish Academy. Motion Passed Unanimously.**
- ❖ Brad gave a summary report on the FY 2008 Audit. The auditing firm made four recommendations for improvement, but overall, the school is in good standing. The results of the audit procedures result in no instances of noncompliance. **Monte made a motion to recognize that the FY 2008 Audit has been presented to NDPA Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- ❖ Mornie is going to contact the one applicant for the open board position to let her know the board is deciding to hold off at the moment on filling the position.
- ❖ Brad gave the board a report on budget cuts and current budget standings. He is very comfortable with the budget as is, anticipating only a 1.5% budget cut. Next year's cuts will be more significant. Debby is concerned about bringing on 50 additional 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Currently, there are 50 8<sup>th</sup> graders, she would like to keep those 50 students without bringing in an additional 50 students.

**9:12 PM – Monte Poll made a motion to adjourn to a closed session for the purpose of a discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-5. Motion passed unanimously.**

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