



Minutes
Providence Hall - Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2012

Meeting called to order by ROBB ENGER at 6:06 pm:

ROLL CALL:

Board of Trustee members present: Robb Enger, Laurie Compton, Sonya Peterson, Jolynne Jimenez, Alicia Hansen, James Barker. (will be joining us shortly)

Others Present: Erin Preston, Jodi Lusty, Kathy Watson, Kathy Davis, Max Meyer, Peaches Sansom, Jim Freeland, Rebecca Strait, Shannon Singleton, Chris Kline, Melanie Kingdon, Erica Nuttall, Kelly Mattingly, Kama Maendl, Heide Totten.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ROBB ENGER:

Item of Discussion: Follow Up Questions from November BOT Meeting: Christmas party went well, many thanks, great success. Supporting the boys sports (basketball), girls sports (basketball). Sports calendar is on the Providence Hall web site.

Item of Discussion: Approval of November BOT Minutes:

MOTION: Laurie : I will make a motion to approve the November Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes. A 2ND BY: Alicia All in favor: The minutes are approved.

ALICIA HANSEN:

Item of Discussion: Health & Safety Committee Update.

No questions.

Discussion on crossing guards and pick up and drop off for car pool.

Crossing guards should be there by 7:20. (Erin) Under the statewide snap plan they are supposed to be there 30 minutes prior to the start of school. I can't get them to modify to make it earlier. I have offered to still have it be 30 minutes but to have it shift that way, they won't do it. At this point it ends with Lt. Richardson. We are still working on it.

Elementary had an excellent assembly on safety. It is getting better and is a work in progress. Carpool is coming along. It is a challenge at every school. We are striving to be out there earlier.

Epi-pens for schools to have on hand. Goal to have one in every room.

Alicia works so hard on health and safety and not only keeps the students and parents happy and safe, but her clockwork documentation of what she is doing, which we submit to risk management, gets a substantial discount of 15% off a year off of \$30,000.00 a year.

JOLYNNE JIMENEZ:

Item of Discussion: PHAST Parent Update

Discussion on movie night and new sound system for JH gymnasium.

The movie has been determined for the Elementary School, "Kung Foo Panda 2". Held at the JH. Natalie is working on the sound barriers. It looks like a three phase project and the \$12,000.00 that the elementary PHAST is willing to donate this year should cover phase 1, which would be to do sound barriers all along the top of the gym and hopefully enough to do a new improved sound system. Present system is not efficient. Wouldn't we eventually like to have speakers mounted? Natalie is getting quotes, but very high. (Max) Phase 1: we could put sound panels around the top of the gym, and that will catch the majority of the sound waves that travel from the wall to the ceiling. They are 2ft by 4 ft and then if that works, then we are off to sound system and would be good to go. Phase 2 : Add more sound panels to the two end walls and probably finish out the south wall, and if that didn't solve the problem, then we could go to 3rd phase: Hang approximate 4x8 sheets of sound barriers from the ceiling that would be suspended and that would require a lot more effort. That would be the most expensive phase, so hopefully phase 1 would solve it. Should a nice sound system be phase 1 it could eliminate 2-3.

Patriot passes for May are for the JH.

ERIN PRESTON:

Item of Discussion: Executive Summary

IB authorized.

Changes: (Erin) New music teacher at the JH and a new hall monitor at JH, new Spanish teacher at elementary.

High lights: On the lunch numbers, which we now have, we are averaging 425-550 lunches per day between the two schools and then I added an additional item here of our budgets thus far this year, we are currently \$5500.00 dollars over breaking even however we are trending very, very well and should easily break even on our lunch program by the end of the year.

Lottery wait list info update: Erin: 2421students on the wait list, 191 on sibling wait list. Ours is second largest in the state. Current students to 2013 full capacity. Money: Proposal for smaller Kindergarten. The reality is that our infrastructure for the kindergarten is such that we may as well take all of them. If we want to include additional at the Junior High where we get more money, we count those then we take the kindergartner without counting them. What we should do is accept a full class so that going into 1st grade that are ready and we didn't saddle the first grade teachers with kindergartners with an unprepared class that had 5-10-20 kids that weren't ready yet to go into first grade and not count them. The other possibility is make an amendment request to the state based on these numbers. We are going to be hard pressed to get 700 kids in this school. 750 is not an option.

Item of Discussion: 2012-2013 Calendar Proposal

Jim: Jodi, Kathy, Peaches, Erin, constructed a new calendar for the following year. Professional development will be the new half day. It is a 4 hour day mandated by the state.

We will print calendar magnets for both the Junior High and the Elementary.

**Motion: I will entertain a motion to accept the calendar for next year: Laurie Second :
Sonya All in favor.**

Item of Discussion: Mission Statement Change

New mission statement will change from “. . . in an ever changing global community” to “. . .in an ever changing world.”

Motion: Laurie: I will make a motion to approve the new Providence Hall motto as, “think clearly, communicate effectively, and act responsibly in an ever changing world.”

Second: Sonya Those in favor: Unanimous

Item of Discussion: Drug Testing Policy

This is a fore cause drug test. It may be triggered by diminished capacity, etc. and makes it legal for us to identify someone.

Erin wrote policy. Recourse if a test comes back positive on an employee.

Only certain HR people involved in selection for drug testing. The results will either be positive or negative unless there is some relevant information.

Need to review all policies.

Motion: I want to enter a motion to approve this new policy: Sonya, Second James All in favor

Item of Discussion: RTI/PLC BOT FYI (with Jim Freeland & Jodi Lusty)

Both were launched at the junior high and the elementary. It has the support of all administration. The focus is on the student who is struggling. New collaboration.

New elective classes.

JIM FREELAND:

Item of Discussion: 2nd Semester Course Offering Update

Discussion of classes. We are pushing for the kids to choose these classes. We did send it out in mass email. The form was not sent home for the parents to sign because we want the kids to decide themselves. Student GPA takes precedent. Talked to students today, gave them opportunity to ask any questions they may have concerning tomorrows events. The students with the top grades get to sign up first. The grades are posted for all to see.

RTI will allow us to pull students for extra support in needed areas of study.

JODI LUSTY:

Item of Discussion: IB Update

We're on the rise!!! Happened on 1-12-12

PEACHES SANSOM:

Item of Discussion: Writing Assessment Update

5th and 8th grade classes will be tested. Except for the CRT's, this a significant test. We have been prepping at the elementary school and they have been practicing on Utah Writes. We have been doing that at the JH after the LA teachers did initial assessment. We are doing a concerted push right now as part of the LA department to ongoing assessments. This has been put to the teachers in all of the subjects to have the students consistently writing on all of the subjects. We are also preparing for the 8th grade classes to be taking the DWA in March. We are having them on Utah Write which gives them instant feedback, and the scoring is an inexpensive way to

track student progress. There is a new push for writing assessment, especially with IB. It is a great way to track reports. It is instrumental in measuring and tracking.

Motion: Laurie: I make a motion to allow the administration to use approximately 3200.00 for the Utah Write writing program for 4th through 9th grade. Second: Alicia All in favor.

MAX MEYER:

Item of Discussion: Business Manager's Report

It has been a good month: We received correction on state funding. Net income is very good. Elementary is doing better, but to be expected. We have nothing to be concerned about. Lunch accounting exciting. Nothing specific on the finances to talk about.

One small item: High School

Item of Discussion: High School Discussion – defining necessary points of analysis for possible request.

The 7th grade is prepared to receive an IB diploma. The amendment request needs to be in by April for a 2014 school. We should put in request now, good time to do it. We are now well known and admired. Timing is where we need it to be right now. The decisions to be made now are we go small, or do we go larger and have additional things besides IB? Do we keep just existing students, or do we open this up to for the new NSA center and all the international people coming from there?

It takes a lot of hard work and is very expensive. It takes a lot of work from teachers. The board support in a major factor. IB builds over time. Take writing for example, it takes time, and that is what IB is like. It builds from Kindergarten to Senior. DP, IB students take tests that are serious essay questions that are mailed out to people all over the world. They look at the writing and assess what the student knows. The whole point of IB is that kids could go to any university any place in the world. It is a high standard. Students who do not meet the DP standards, can still graduate with an excellent education. Students can start in any grade and try to attain their diploma.

We commend we go to 700-800 students.

Jim has done a great job with the sports program at the JH.

Discussion on potential HS sports. We will have a work session to hammer out the particulars.

We have support of the board to move forward: We are unanimous in our support. We will have a lot more information next meeting.

Challenge all board members to bring a book for the library in the Junior High. Challenge accepted.

CLOSED SESSION:

- Discussing an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health.
- Strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or sale of real estate property.
- Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.

MOTION : It is 8:06, I will entertain a motion to go into closed session: Sonya 2ND BY: Laurie MEETING ADJOURNED. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.

We have to do a roll call to go into closed session: James , Alicia, Rob, Erin, Laurie, Sonya, Jolynne

MEETING ADJOURNED BY ROBB ENGER AT PM. 8:06

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