



Minutes
Providence Hall - Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, March 17, 2011

Meeting called to order by ROBB ENGER at 6:10 pm:

ROLL CALL:

Board of Trustee members present: Robb Enger, Alicia Hansen, Sonya Peterson, Laurie Compton, Stephanie Soper.

Others Present: Erin Preston, Jodi Lusty, Kathy Davis, Max Meyer, Jon Hagen, Kathy Watson, Kelly Mattingly. **Visitors:** Chris Bleak, Justin Calapp, Erica Downs, Candalyn Winder, Lindsey Werner, Julie Gallegos.

Public Comment:

Chris Bleak – President of UAPCS. Goal is to make sure we have an organization based and structured on advocacy. Organization board is made up of charter school directors and parents that are voted in. Mr. Bleak has served as Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the House for the past 6 years. Before that Chris did some campaign work for a Utah Republican party, he lobbied for Quest Communications and the Olympic Committee and worked in local government for Salt Lake City. Boards – pushing for a strong link between schools and state. Share ideas with new and existing schools, as well as district schools. Administrators – recently had a Business Manager training with very positive response. Parents – care deeply about their child’s education and their charter school. Policy makers with the public. Networks UAPCS would like to tap into. House Bill 388: cannot impose performance regulations or standards on top of schools that are not authorized by statute or in their charter contract. School is held accountable to the charter contract. Chris will resend the budget to Erin and the board so they can see where the funds are going. Charter Association Conference – June 15-16. Salt Lake Community College, Larry H Miller Campus in Sandy. Dinner with a key note speaker, June 15. Parents and board members are welcome.

Julie Gallegos – PE Instructor. PE program – goal is to get Providence Hall to be a Presidential Fitness school. Started out teaching fitness components and now teaching sports components. Have students understand that PE is not just at school, but also at home and around their neighborhoods. 6 week score sheet for students to keep track of their activities at home. Reward when they are filled out and turned in.

Erica Downs – Love and Logic. Went to a training. Program was already purchased. Curriculum available for the parents. \$700 DVD. Possibly have an in-house training. 9 Essentials Skills conference in Denver.

ROBB ENGER:

Item of Discussion: Follow Up Questions from February BOT Meeting

Groundbreaking ceremony was terrific. IB Night – great turn out of parent participation. Work session for Jon and Land Trust discussion – IPads, docking stations, etc. Sound system info – Dan Sherwood will forward information to board. **Max will gather info on acoustics for next board meeting.**

Item of Discussion: Approval of February BOT Minutes

MOTION BY ALICIA TO APPROVE FEBRUARY BOT MINUTES. 2ND BY SONYA. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.

ERIN PRESTON:

Item of Discussion: Construction / Hiring Update

1 day ahead of schedule. Gym complete on August 1. Parts of the building will be available on August 18. Building complete on August 19.

Item of Discussion: Calendar – Proposed 2011-2012 Calendar

Sept 6 school start. Move in sooner is possible – August 24 or Sept 6? Winter break in addition to fall break and spring break. Aug 29 will be the official start day for both schools. Erin will take it to the calendar committee. Elementary start time – ok with board. School will end at 3:20pm, Fridays at 1:45. Jr high will end at 3:00pm, Fridays at 1:25.

Item of Discussion: Future Expenses

Additional construction on elementary building. Discussion on computers, level of Wifi – work session, March 31 @ 5:30pm. Kathy Watson will send BOT the list of items.

Item of Discussion: Kindergarten – At Risk Students

No questions or discussion. Erin will gather information on grants and forward to board members.

STEPHANIE SOPER:

Item of Discussion: Jr High Update

Survey results - Stephanie discussed the survey results with the board.

PHAST:

Item of Discussion: PHAST Parent Update

Teacher appreciation – teachers will receive an appreciation every day of the week during teacher appreciation week. Dinner will be provided for teachers during parent/teacher conferences, March 31. Chic-Fil-A night is set for April 26th.

JODI LUSTY:

Item of Discussion: IB Update

Core Academy - pay for teachers to look at common core (work session). Divided out between NorthStar Academy and Early Light Academy.

Item of Discussion: Curriculum Update

Benchmarks – analysis: Jodi discusses with the board. Possibly create a summer program for students to maintain levels over the summer. Open up to all students. DOMA benchmark – won't test beyond the 5th grade level. Providence Hall would like to create its own system for tracking math for next year.

KATHY WATSON:

Item of Discussion: Elementary Principal's Monthly Report

Photographers – met with 4 different companies because our contract was over. Recommend life-touch. Board approves. Change in music – Donna Johnson will take over math intervention in the afternoons and Isabeau Totterer will be helping in music. Isabeau would like to offer a 6th grade night and is willing to bring in instruments and explain to students and parents. Will help to explain music classes in the jr high.

Ta/instructor/faculty meetings – 1st wed of the month. Utah Consolidated Application (UCA) – Kathy will be going to a training to learn how to write the report. Items were signed off that were not done properly. Kathy Watson and Jodi Lusty will be working on a corrective action plan – will put committees together and do it the right way. Safety patrol officers – held a training and students are very excited to be part of this. They have their assignments and duties. Report form is used for problem issues. Teachers feel program is helping. There is less chaos in the halls. Fire drill will be held next week. Shortly after that we will hold a “surprise” fire drill with the fire department and a few exits blocked. This will allow the teachers and students to figure out what to do and how to escape if there was a real emergency.

Item of Discussion: Hunger Banquet: Lindsey Werner explains – she is going to India this summer with an organization called Help International. Lindsey is an (Student Body Officers) SBO advisor. SBO's are under the impression that they are to do 1 fundraiser per year. Hunger banquet is a learning tool and a great awareness of what is going on in the world. Wants to extend to the entire community, hosted by Providence Hall.

Something where families can come and experience what the school is, experience how we are action oriented and how we are looking at the international world. IB – taking action on an issue and looking at the global influence that we have. This should be student driven. Erin would like to see a lesson for students to learn that by their own hands and hard work they can physically make a difference. BOT would like to see Lindsey coordinate with an IB night and map out details for next year.

Item of Discussion: Maternity Leave for Part-time Employees

Discussion. No policy in place at this time. BOT will discuss during work session about coming up with a policy for part-time teachers. Possibly pay for 2 weeks maternity leave.

MAX MEYER:

Item of Discussion: Business Manager's Report

\$250,000 in Golden West Credit Union. Received grant funds. Max gave board copies of financial report. QQwest will now handle payroll. Local company; saving time and money. Providence Hall received a better package combined with 9 other charter schools. PHAST would like to contribute their \$500 to the Ken Garff Reading program. Kelly will contact the representative and get details on who to make the check out to. PHAST contributes money to field trips. Max will clean up balance sheet. Budget moved to work session.

MOTION BY LAURIE TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION. 2ND BY STEPHANIE. Robb, Laurie, Sonya, Alicia, Stephanie.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY ROBB ENGER AT 9:13 PM.