



Minutes
Providence Hall - Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2011

Meeting called to order by ROBB ENGER at 6:07 pm:

ROLL CALL:

Board of Trustee members present: Robb Enger, Sonya Peterson, Jolynne Jimenez. Alicia Hansen is on her way. Laurie Compton is excused due to a conflict.

Others Present: Erin Preston, Jodi Lusty, Kathy Watson, Kathy Davis, Max Meyer, Peaches Sansom, Brian Hardy, Jim Freeland, Chris Blake, Kim Frank, Julie Adamic.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Blake (UAPCS): Focus on making sure we define our constituents, who the folks we should be representing are and what tools we are providing to make sure they have what they need to carry out their jobs. Passed out a brief membership sheet on member benefits. Upcoming events: monthly trainings, Nov 10 @ 3:00p Social Media Market training. Trying to create better connections between charter schools. Legislative session – credit enhancement. Senate Bill 65 – ongoing discussions about changes regarding funding, predictability. Discussions not that specific. WPU may go down. Questions on a set amount or let the market drive it. Asked if UAPCS will coordinate efforts between the 2 organizations – not at this time. Future framework difference – strategic plan to share membership, trainings, magazines, opportunity to reach out. Given the dilution of performance framework, address failing schools: low enrollment and misuse of funds; school should not be in business. Method for schools to be held accountable.

Kim Frank (Utah Charter Network): Julie is a board member. Gives brief background of board members. Kim states that UCN is made up of individuals who have been in the charter movement for years. Over 120 years of experience between the members. UCN has been working toward growing the movement, insuring that charter schools are looked out for all along the way. Focus has been on, not just legislatively, but what can we do to help each other. Julie and Kim helped create the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools 10 years ago. November 17 – legislative policy summit. Budget will always be available. Created 2 websites: sample policies, quality Utah. Blog areas. Share lesson plans between teachers and grades. Advocate and collaborate. Senate Bill 65 – Kim would like to take it to the hill and flip the way the bill works. UCN will work with UAPCS – as long as it is a bill to help all charter schools. Currently 15 organizations that lobby for district schools; only 2 for charters. 25 schools committed to UCN, 12-15 pending. UCN fee - \$5/per student. Metrics – All schools should be accountable.

Discussion on UAPCS and Utah Charter Network. **MOTION BY SONYA TO GO FORWARD WITH THE UTAH CHARTER NETWORK FOR THE YEAR AT REPRESENTING PROVIDENCE HALL AND EVALUATE AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR AND INCLUDE IN THE EVALUATION WHAT THEY FOUGHT FOR AND THE RESULTS. 2ND BY JOLYNNE. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.**

ROBB ENGER:

Item of Discussion: Follow Up Questions from September BOT Meeting
No questions or discussion.

Item of Discussion: Approval of September BOT Minutes

MOTION BY SONYA TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 22ND BOT MINUTES. 2ND BY ALICIA. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.

SONYA PETERSON:

Item of Discussion: Lunch Program Update

Offered Angel Whatcott a position to take over from where Marty was. After her decision, we will interview or promote Laura Ann Bangerter. 6 lunch staff members as of now. Need a few more employees. Sonya would like to see ala carte items offered. Jody will continue to handle the state reporting until Angel is ready to take over.

ALICIA HANSEN:

Item of Discussion: Pet Policy

Summary – no pets are allowed on school property without administration approval. Procedures – should have a period after Superintendent, remove the words “and make” and the last line should end with “students”. Remove “if it is safe for the students to do so (determined by the teacher).”

MOTION BY JOLYNNE TO ACCEPT THE ANIMAL POLICY WITH THE MINOR REVISIONS. 2ND BY SONYA. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.

Alicia is excused. Joined in by phone.

JOLYNNE JIMENEZ:

Item of Discussion: PHAST Parent Update

Minutes and proposed budgets are in the packets. Jr high budget page is all expenses. Funding for jr high PHAST comes from student activity fees. Boxtops check will go to PHAST. Will jump start the student store. Patriot Pass – students can earn for various acts of good behavior. Can redeem at the student store, homework late pass, etc. Will be set up under the direction of the jr high administration. Role of PHAST at the elementary is at a different level than at the jr high. Elementary budget - \$2000 deficit is now at \$400 deficit. BOT will accept but wants to see something zeroing it out. PHAST has to reconcile with Brian and Max every month. Bylaws were voted on and adopted on November 1. Parent/teacher conferences – ePHAST is in charge of dinner for teachers, Thursday, November 3 @ 5:00pm. November 11 – movie night at the elementary. Jr high – dance social. ePHAST - \$12,000 in savings account. Would like to purchase a large drop down screen in the gym. Jolynne asks Kathy Watson to think of items the elementary would benefit from. She suggests a donation toward a better sound system in the gym. Possible acoustic panels. Peaches asked about a morning book talk. Logo/mascot – Jolynne shows samples of letter logos. Students are working with the art dept to come up with designs. Decision for the letters “PH” will go on sweatshirts for winter sale. BOT would like to show gratitude by treating committees to lunch, dinner or a mingle at the end of the year. Will gather ideas and present at next month’s meeting.

AMY PRICE:

Item of Discussion: 8th Grade Student Trip Proposal

East coast student trip – Smithsonian tours or Apple tours. \$31.00 difference between the two organizations. Apple tours will add Philadelphia and Gettysburg to the trip. Includes baggage. \$1800 – Apple Tours vs \$1769 – Smithsonian. 10/1 – Smithsonian teacher/student ratio vs 12/1 – apple tours ratio. Trip is extended to students finishing 8th grade. Open to 9th grade this year. Peaches is in favor of students being able to take trips with their school. Security guard is hired to monitor once students are checked in. Students must have an academic grade of a “B” or higher to go on the trip. If students have any behavior issues or suspensions throughout the year, they will not be able to attend. Amy recommends Apple tours. June 10 – 15, 2012. Musical – board approves Wicked.

ERIN PRESTON:

Item of Discussion: Planned Teacher/Admin Surveys to Parents and Staff

Informational for the board. Elementary is now doing 1st round and almost complete. Jim and peaches are starting their 1st round of surveys.

Item of Discussion: Crossing Guard Update – close to getting school zones and guard. Move Lori Chase from the crossing guard spot to helping to monitor students arriving early.

Need for east elementary sidewalk - East side elementary sidewalk. Church is going up across from the jr high. Will be the gathering place for pick up. Approximately \$10,000 to excavate and pour concrete. Erin will craft an open thank you letter for Herriman Mayor, city councilmen and Cora Lee Moser.

SNAP Plan – No questions or discussion.

Item of Discussion: Building Update – Power Surge Damage

\$30-40,000 in damage. Sahara is working #'s. Coordinating a request for reimbursement from Rocky Mountain Power. Discussion on surge protectors and tracking devices.

Item of Discussion: UCA Board Approval

Summary – UCA is tied to funding. Overall goals; strategy and action steps to meet those goals, and that is tied directly to the funding from the state is. Goals – continue to pursue qualified teachers, improve CRT scores on math, language arts and science. Plan on how to evaluate teachers, how we use evaluations to decide compensation, and using the evaluation as a coaching piece for letting a teacher go. If the coaching piece did not have any results that teacher would be placed on a plan of action for 30 days, or possibly fired. Goals and actions were developed in coordination with school improvement committees. Results will be posted on the website and in the school as parents walk in.

MOTION BY JOLYNNE TO ACCEPT THE UCA REPORT AS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD BY KATHY WATSON. 2ND BY SONYA. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.

JODI LUSTY:

Item of Discussion: Benchmark Update

Reading – concern for 1st graders and kindergarteners. Only a hand full that know sounds. Math – kindergarten creates their own test – kinder readiness. Other grades were tested on what they should know by the end of the year. Jodi will meet with 2nd grade. Math intervention is working with students.

KATHY WATSON / JODI LUSTY:

Item of Discussion: Elementary Teacher Evaluation Update
Covered under Erin Preston.

JIM FREELAND / PEACHES SANSOM:

Item of Discussion: Jr High Teacher Evaluation Plan
Covered under Erin Preston.

BRIAN HARDY:

Item of Discussion: Business Manager's Report

Collected \$24,000 in lunch money in September. Robb asks Brian to take off the cents on the financial statements. Audit – submitted and waiting for partner to do final review. Erin would like to see drafts that come through. Small equipment – will reallocate some money to the right places. Classroom desks, tables – ended up being new instead of used. WPU – \$457,000 in August and \$167,000 in July. Max opened a new bank account for the jr high. Need to amend June 11th minutes. Amend June minutes to show budget was approved.

MOTION BY SONYA TO AMEND JUNE 11 MINUTES WITH PROPER WORDING. 2ND BY JOLYNNE. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.

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 BY SONYA TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION. ALICIA, JOLYNNE, SONYA, ROBB. 2ND BY JOLYNNE. MEETING ADJOURNED. VOTE IS UNANIMOUS IN FAVOR.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY ROBB ENGER AT 9:30 PM.

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