

Vista School Board Meeting

December 2, 2015 Agenda

Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738

Board members present: Neil Walter, John Berger, Brad Owen, Bette Ariel, Gail Neumann

Others present: Sam Gibbs (Director), MaryAnn Oram (Business Director), Chris Barnum (SpEd Director), Troy Bradshaw (Technology Director), Michelle Rowan, Diane Biasi, Marie Ehlers, Christine France, Abe Nickle, Bruce Hatch

5:00 PM - Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – Neil Walter

5:00 PM - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

❖ **October 21, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**

Gail moves to approve minutes, unanimously approved

5:00 PM - PUBLIC COMMENTS

❖ none

5:15 PM - REPORTS

❖ **Director's Report -**

○ **Faculty/Staff Changes**

none

○ **Vice Principal update**

Lots of excellent candidates, but right person was not available right now. Will repost in the spring to get some better options for positions.

○ **Enrollment and Lottery Update**

Hoping to hold next years (2016-2017) lottery the week after Spring Break
Wait list- try to bring in individual students from K-2 in January

○ **Recent and upcoming events**

- *Instrumental concert last night- packed house, great performance.
- *Tonight- performance at Dixie High
- *Friday- Dickens festival 2:30-3:30 performances
- *Saturday- Student Council fundraiser to support families in the community
- *Monday- Chick-Fil-A fundraiser for VRS
- *Dec 11-12 Holiday Spectacular
- *Tuacahn student exchange, pre shows for nativity scene
- *Younger grade performances coming up
- *Staff party Dec 11
- *Dec 18- Kindergarten Gingerbread performance

❖ **Financial Report – MaryAnn Oram**

○ **Financials and Budget**

Financial reports reviewed

Budget update- state looking at how they will fund us because of excess enrollment, discussed estimates in possible budget increase

○ **Health Insurance Update**

Increase in budget to cover benefits

○ **Employee Manual/Policies and Procedures Updates**

5:40 PM - COMMITTEE REPORTS

❖ **Arts Committee – Bette Ariel**

❖ **Academic Excellence Committee – Gail Neumann**

❖ **Technology Committee – Brad Owen**

Code Camp- sixteen 11-12 year olds, did very well, 2 weeks of instruction, mentioned hosting one just for Vista students, maybe use that to filter participants for next Code Camp

❖ **Audit and Finance Committee – John Berger**

5:50 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

❖ **Revisions to 2016 Budget**

Bette moves to approve current revisions to budget, unanimously approved

❖ **Board Vacancies**

Jason Wells seat has been vacant, John would become parent member, Neil has several people interested in serving on the board. Neil may be leaving spot due to career opportunity up north; decisions for board seats will need to be made in January.

❖ **Strategic Planning Update**

Lots of good information, MaryAnn and Sam chose to allocate \$100,000 of the possible extra funds towards some of the ideas brought about in the forums. Noted in budget by blue highlights. 4 forums over the past few months were held, good amount of participants, resulted in 1- 1 1/2 hours discussions. Talked about what makes businesses great/successful, specific things about Vista that are successful/barriers, and what the next steps will be.

❖ **Charter Fidelity Process, dashboard Concept?**

Neil discussed Fidelity process, metrics,

❖ **Board Training--Utah Open Public Meetings Act**

John covered slides that he sent to all board members- emphasized being careful when making decisions when meetings are not publicly posted, keeping record of meetings- recorded and written. Meetings must be posted and announced. Closed sessions are only for certain and sensitive topics.

❖ **Required Policies Overview**

Sam and MaryAnn will try to work a lot of those policies into the handbook, will give update at a later time.

TABLED AGENDA ITEMS

❖ **Technology Course Offerings in 2016 school year**

MISC COMMENTS

*Standard and Poor's rating came- still a BB+, which is the same as before, expect to get a higher rating if we keep enrollment as high as it is now.

*Gail suggested considering live streaming for performances.

*Piano Guys sent a \$300 check for strings after performance- nice surprise!

*Brad, Michelle and Troy discussed the possibility of students taking over website.

CLOSED SESSION (if needed)

To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals.

6:30 PM – ADJOURN

John moves to adjourn, unanimously approved