

## **Vista School Board Meeting**

**October 16, 2019 Minutes**

**Location: 585 East Center, Ivins, UT 84738**

**Board members present:** Matt Middione, Michelle Root, Michelle Walter, Dave Hunter

**Others present:** Same Gibbs (Director), Marie Ehlers (School Counselor), Troy Bradshaw (IT/Finance Director), Chris Barnum (VP), Kelly Geary (VP), Britni Armstrong (Board Secretary)

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**5:05 PM- CALL TO ORDER: Welcome and Introductions-** Matt Middione

Josh Aikens and Eli Milne excused from meeting

**5:06 PM- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Michelle Roots moves to approve minutes, Michelle Walter seconds. Matt says "Aye", Michelle Root says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye".

**5:07 PM- PUBLIC COMMENTS**

none

**5:07 PM- BOARD CALENDAR**

Next Board Meeting- Wednesday, November 20 @ 5:00 pm

**5:07 PM- REPORTS**

**Director's Report – Sam Gibbs**

**5:07- Faculty/Staff Changes**

Changes in food service- Jenny Spong left, Dixie Ewing, Janelle Young, and Britton Ship all added to food service as cafeteria and playground monitors.

**5:08- Enrollment and Lottery Update**

Enrollment has been steady, currently at 938 with a few partial enrollments. Waiting list is at 160.

**5:10- Recent and upcoming events**

Landform museum next Thursday, Meet the candidates being held in our auditorium, Red Ribbon Week next week, Week after next is Halloween parade (half day). Fall curriculum concerts will be held the first week of November. Orchestra, Math Counts, Nutcracker all coming up next month.

**5:15- Board Training**

A week ago, it was decided that St. George Academy will be closing at the end of this school year due to a vote by the state after SGA metrics were reviewed. They are going to appeal. SGA academic metrics are doing well but enrollment is down which affects cash on hand. Sam went over metrics used by the state to monitor schools.

**5:29-Update on Expansion**

We did receive approval for release time for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Just went through initial review of accreditation. Marie presented- requires 2 on-site visits, after first visit was granted provisional accreditation. After second visit we will be officially accredited. We may allow small group of 9<sup>th</sup> graders next year to help refine our process and curriculum. Will probably hold a parent meeting in December because registration starts in January.

**-Update on Vista Foundation**

**-SGA Closure**

Discussed above in Board Training.

**-Student Performance Data**

## **5:35-Financial Report – Troy Bradshaw**

### **5:35- Financials and Budget Review**

In the process of changing the budget- after reviewing it they will be reclassifying lots of different expenses. Above budget on income, with more looking to come in. Troy went over different categories and explained the expenditures.

## **5:47 PM - DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **5:47-FY SY Budget**

Nothing to discuss

### **5:48-Dixie Direct Fundraiser**

Last month there was a pride celebration in St. George- current laws allow non-profit organizations to advertise. Owner of Dixie Direct was not supportive of this- some community organizations are requesting to boycott DD as a fundraiser. Sam feels a moderate approach is more appropriate. He does not feel an elementary school should be the one boycotting something like this. Unrelated- Sam is looking to set up the fundraiser in a different way- instead of sending them home with everyone in the school, parents will be able to choose if they want their student to bring one home to sell. Vista does earn a lot from this fundraiser.

### **-Bond Counsel/Purchaser counsel**

### **-Bond Engagement**

### **5:55-Busing update**

Should be ready to offer busing beginning 11/04. Need to get a few things taken care of first: repairs to busses, inspections, drivers to be drug tested,

### **5:59--Attendance Policy**

Attendance is always a problem- charter schools tend to have a lower attendance rate because of the population and the travelling for most students. A few different procedures have been attempted, but the actual policy has never been changed. Marie worked on policy statement vs. what we are doing and re-wrote a draft of the school policy.

Matt moves to approve new attendance policy, Michelle Root seconds. Dave says "Aye", Matt says "Aye", Michelle Root says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye".

## **6:08 PM- COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**

Sam would like to invite the administrative team to stay for the closed session.

## **MISC COMMENTS**

none

## **TABLED AGENDA ITEMS**

none

## **6:09 PM – ADJOURN**

Dave moves to move into a closed session, Michelle Root seconds. Dave says "Aye", Matt says "Aye", Michelle Root says "Aye", Michelle Walter says "Aye".

## **6:09 PM- CLOSED SESSION**

**To discuss the character or competence of an individual. Requires Roll call vote.**