



PROMONTORY

school of expeditionary learning

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2022

At 7:00PM

1051 W 2700 S Perry, UT 84302

Also Via Zoom

Trustees:

Becca Ashby

Mindy Johnson—Via Zoom

Michelle Flynn

Dorothy Dobson

Zach Davis

Amber Edelman

Michael Engh

Lisa Holgreen

Officers:

Janice Ward

Karen Braithwaite—Via Zoom

Amy Rich—Via Zoom

Director:

Jennifer Blaine—Via Zoom

Visitors:

Tammy Taylor

Debbie Payne

Brian Cates

Stephanie Quintero

Gwen Andrus

7:04 PM – CALL TO ORDER

- Welcome/Mission Statement and Pledge – Janice Ward

7:0 PM – Training: Dorothy Dobson—Conscious Discipline Training

7:10 PM – MINUTES

- **1-20-2022 Board Meeting Minutes** –Lisa motions to approve. Michael seconds. Zach and Dorothy Abstain. Motion is carried.
- **1-31-2022 Board Meeting Minutes**—Michelle motions to approve. Michael seconds. Motion is carried. Mindy, Dorothy, Zach abstain. Minutes are tabled until next meeting—not a quorum.

7:20 PM – **PUBLIC COMMENT: No public Comments.**

7:30 PM – FINANCE REPORT

- Budget Review – Brian Cates—WPU increases 2.5-7%. Next month things will get finalized. We will get the legislative updates, we can start to piece together a budget for next year. PTIF

statement: earned over \$2000 interest this fiscal year. Trending in the right direction. End of January we had an operating margin of 6.8%. Not a whole lot of change from last month. Cash balance is good, trending as expected this time of year. Enrollment is at 439. We are in a strong financial position.

We may need to start budgeting for expansion. Need a firm idea on work being done the following June. Still waiting on bid from ETS on cameras.

7:45 PM – BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Data Governance Policy:** Few sections that we need to look at. Look at codes.
- **Corporal Punishment Policy:** Code moved. Needs some updated language. Have Nancy look at a section?
- **Expansion Committee Update:** Jen Dabb drew up a couple of plans. Discussing plans of needs/rooms. Looking into the right of way to the side of the school. Group took a tour of Freemont's auditorium. Will visit Viewmont and Venture to look at examples. Committee will be meeting next Wednesday at 4:00pm. Considered dividing the kiva and making a solid wall instead of the accordion wall. Possibility of making a second kindergarten room.
- **Board Review Academics Discussion:** Lisa Holgreen. How well? Standardized tests RISE and Acadience. How Will? Other ways to determine?
Ron Berger: author stated that "test-taking skills have little connection to real life." They have something to say about our school, but not everything.
Test score evaluation USCSB looks annually at scores. Looks at these scores to give our school a school grade. How Will? Jennifer and Gwen have a plan.....Training in Reading Horizons phonics program. Content and chapter books daily implemented. Weekly coaching with Gwen. Focused skill interventions. Child friendly and developmentally appropriate multi-sensory. Regular data meetings. Support and exploration through weekly library classes. Meaningful experiences with text during expedition. Align state standards to what we are doing as a framework, not a final product. Careful about all programs that are brought into our school. PD added a level of accountability by follow up and implementation. Other ways to assess are portfolios which show performance of what students are doing.
Recognition of heroes—possibly post high school graduate information. "What did you do after high school?" Great thinker board.
- **Board Member Update:** Kristina Radtke has resigned. No new applications at this time. Possibly readdress in the spring.
- **Spring Retreat Date/Location:** April 26th 9am-2pm. Use the building in Corinne.
- **School Land Trust:** Becca Ashby. Final report submitted last month. Excess funds that we had to justify. This has been corrected. Should go through without problems. **Talk next month about next month's deadline.** Goal 80% students are on reading level. Saw improvement, seeing progress.

8:45 PM ACTION ITEMS

- 8:45pm• **Bullying and Hazing—table until next meeting.** Possibly mention grievance policy?
- 8:47pm• **Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting—**updated codes. Michelle motions to approve. Lisa seconds. Motion is carried.
- 8:48pm• **Procedure to Review Complaints Policy Combined—**Had it combined. Dorothy motioned to approve. Michael seconds. Motion is carried.
- 8:49pm• **School Fees—**Michelle motions to approve. Becca seconds. Motion is carried.

9:15pm• **School Calendar**—helpful to know more in advance of when your student is supposed to be at school. Know ahead of time what is expected. Gwen—teachers are discussing more of a consistent plan. Fieldwork on Fridays, clubs. More passion projects at home—pick something they really want to do. Possibility of doing school-wide projects or do a passion project fair twice a year. This year has been our practice run. We have a good idea of what needs to be done next year. Suggested doing a mega crew with past students who have done passion projects. Dorothy motions to approve flexibility Friday and approves the school calendar. Zac seconds. Motion is carried.

9:30 PM **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Staffing Update—Courtney Chini has been hired for our new kindergarten teacher. Nancy is quitting. Need to hire two aides. Working with two teachers to encourage improvement.
- Enrollment/lottery--102 students enrolled into lottery. 52 kindergarten on waitlist, 19 of them being siblings of current students.
- Student Achievement—Lots of fun things going on in the classrooms.
- Charter Agreement Goal—None for this month.
- Professional Development—movement in the classroom expert from the U, self-improvement plans on Feb 18th with reporting to the team next week, mindset math strategies PD for 7 of our teachers. Teton Science School for PD for teachers this summer.
- Public Relations—six tours with very promising families in the last two weeks

9:45PM CLOSED MEETING

9:45 PM – ADJOURN: Zach motions to adjourn. Lisa seconds. Motion is carried.

*Next scheduled Board Meeting: March 17, 2022