



BOARD UPDATE

A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM YOUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We Are Crew, Not Passengers

JUNE 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

This spring, the Utah Legislature passed Senate Bill 69, requiring schools across the state to implement policies restricting student use of personal electronic devices during the school day. In response, the Promontory Board of Directors recently adopted a new Student Electronic Device Policy for the 2026-2027 school year. After carefully considering feedback from our parents and staff, our Board chose to implement a "bell-to-bell" restriction to best support our learning environment.

We recognize that this change aligns beautifully with Promontory's mission and vision. Our school is built on active learning, meaningful relationships, collaboration, and real-world experiences. Students cannot fully engage in Crew, fieldwork, discussion, and collaborative learning when their attention is divided between the people around them and the screens in their pockets.

By reducing digital distractions, we have an opportunity to help students be more present, more connected to their peers, and more engaged in the experiences that make Promontory unique. This policy supports our deep belief that education is about building community, responsibility, and strong character.

As we prepare for the coming school year, we deeply appreciate your partnership and support as we work together to help students grow as learners, leaders, and members of our community.

Monthly Deep Dive: Understanding This Month's Board Discussion STUDENT ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

This section summarizes the Board's action. The Board's adopted policy, available on the school's website, is the official governing document and contains the complete policy language. View the full policy on the school website.



WHY THE DECISION WAS MADE

- Utah law (SB 69) requires schools to have a student electronic device that is more restrictive than previous law.
- The Board considered feedback from staff and parents/guardians as part of the review process.
- The goal is to create a safe, focused, and respectful learning environment for all students.
- The Board also wanted clear and consistent expectations for students, families, and staff.
- The Policy includes exceptions for IEP's and 504's.



KEY IMPACTS

For Students: Devices stay powered off and out of sight during the school day.

For Families: Parents can contact their child through the school office, and students can go to the office if they need to contact home during the school day.

For Staff: Staff will follow clear, consistent expectations for student electronic device use, helping create a focused learning environment.

For Our School: This policy helps the school follow Utah law, creates consistent expectations across the school, and supports a safe, focused learning environment.

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When we are fully present, we learn better, build stronger relationships, and contribute more meaningfully. We look forward to the positive impact this change will bring to our school culture!



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- School administration will develop procedures to put the new policy into practice.
- The updated procedures and expectations will be shared with students, families, and staff.
- The Board will continue to review the policy and make updates if needed.



FOUNDATIONAL SPOTLIGHT WHO WE ARE

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning is to provide a rich educational environment that views learning as an Expedition and uses the study of Great Thinkers to cultivate the value of excellence and the love of knowledge. Using investigation and discovery to make connections to ideas and our community, we empower children to embrace challenge, act with humanity, and become the Great Thinkers of the 21st century.

The Board supports this mission and ensures charter alignment by working with school leaders to guide decisions, set clear policies, and provide strong stewardship so learning stays focused on student growth, discovery, and character development, helping students become kind, brave, and thoughtful Great Thinkers.

MEETING OVERVIEW

Meeting Date: June 18, 2026



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board met to prepare for the 2026–27 school year. The meeting focused on the annual budget, board appointments, policy updates, enrollment, and school improvement planning.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

The data and milestones highlighted in this meeting overview section are sourced from the monthly Director's Report. To read the full, detailed update on school operations, academic progress, and campus life, you can view the complete report on the school website.

- 432 students currently registered for 2026–27
- School Improvement Plan updated for 2026–27



STUDENT & SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Promontory was recognized as a Purple Star School and celebrated with state and military leaders.
- **IMPROVING SCORES!**
- **Math & Reading Stars:** An amazing 77% of 2nd graders hit their math goals, and 65% of 2nd & 3rd graders are reading right on target!
- **Big Science Gains:** Our 5th graders leaped up by 18%, 6th graders by 16%, and 8th graders by 9% on their RISE science tests!
- **Math & English Growth:** Hard work paid off! Our 7th graders grew by 8% in English and 3% in math, while 8th graders rose 6% in math.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- POP! spring fundraising raised \$9,937 to support students and school programs!
- More than 200 community members attended the America 250 Movie in the Park event.

Thank you to our volunteers, donors, community partners, and dedicated staff who make our school thrive.

ACTIONS TAKEN & WORK PLAN



ACTIONS TAKEN

For complete motions, discussion, and supporting documents, please visit the Board Meeting page on the school's website.

Governance

- Adopted the FY2026 Final Budget
- Approved the Preliminary FY2027 Budget
- Ratified Director Appointment
- Ratified Board Member Appointments and Terms
- Approved the 2026–27 Board Meeting Schedule

Student Programs

- Approved the Fall ½ Overnight Kick-Off
- Approved the ¾ Fall Expedition
- Approved the Kindergarten Fall Expedition

Policies Approved

- Electronic Device Policy
- Artificial Intelligence Policy
- Criminal Background Check Policy
- FERPA Annual Rights Notice
- FERPA Directory Information
- Equal Opportunity in Education
- Reporting Fraud, Waste & Abuse
- Employment of Relatives
- Equipment Records & Inventory
- Bullying, Cyberbullying, Hazing & Retaliation



UPCOMING BOARD WORK

The Board works in collaboration with administration to review and update policies between meetings through Board committees.

- Governing Board Policy
- Board Member Screening Policy
- Emergency Response Plan Policy
- Emergency Plan
- Metadata Element Definition
- Attendance Procedures
- Food Sold on School Grounds
- Founding Member Policy

UAPCS Circle of Excellence

We are so proud of our school leaders, teachers, and staff who were nominated for state charter school awards this year! An extra-special cheer goes to **Lisa Fonseca** for winning **State Paraprofessional of the Year!**

- **Our School & Leadership Nominees:** Promontory School (School of the Year), the Promontory School Board, and Amber Edelman (Administrator of the Year).
- **Our Amazing Teacher Nominees:** Breanna Berchtold, Danette Mahana, Glenna Petersen, Heather Williams, Lindsay Phenes, Lydia Munoz, and Maele Shakespear.
- **Our Rookie of the Year Nominees:** Ashton Bennion, Reagan Hendricks, and Jaci Crook.
- **Our Super Staff Support Nominees:** Darcy Young (Employee of the Year), Janni Richards, Emily Summers, Amanda Lucherini, Mandy Walker, and Sophie Hansen.



NEXT BOARD MEETING

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 20, 2026**

No Regular Board Meeting in July



7:00 PM



STAY INFORMED

In compliance with the Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA), regular board meetings are open to the public. Meeting agendas, board packets, recordings, and approved minutes are available on the school's website. Public meeting minutes are posted online after they are formally approved at the following regular Board meeting.