

Minutes February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Meeting called to order 5:35 p.m.

Board Present	Board not present	Staff present	Public present
Brenna Malone	Maria Harris	Kim Paris	Lisa Farnsworth
Denise Edwards	Pat Sheehan	Debby Elvin	Julie Krch
Mary Glaser		Karen Ash	Charlie Crane
		Mark Paris	Warren Krch
Board present via conference call:			Milton Alsdorf
Jacque Sloan			Lucy Downer
Ed O'Donnell			

Mary motioned to approve minutes from January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Denise Seconded  
All in favor, approved

Administrative report:  
Rama Paris

Has learned about our vision and purpose of the school. Feels we are making great strides in innovating math and science and technology. Sees that the kids are learning in different ways. Knows that teachers are teaching in different ways. Knows she has more to learn about curriculum etc.

Concerns: 1. Special Education, we need to get a special ed teacher on board by beginning of next year.  
2. Observations and Evaluations need to be done in a timely manner and it needs to be on calendar for next admin.  
3. Handbooks and policy manuals may need some revision. Janitorial services.  
4. Interview applicants for lead teacher position and has offered position to Mr. Charlie Crane. He has given a tentative yes. Gave handout of list of responsibilities of Lead teacher.  
5. Spoke with Mrs. Flores about janitorial issues. Also she received letter reviewing janitorial responsibilities.

Will have observations and evaluations done by deadline. Also looking into some early outs for some days for teachers to learn more and collaborate.

Educational Report:  
Kim Paris

Had schedule set up and it has been pushed back due to absences and illnesses. Has been in all the classrooms except for one teacher. Will be starting the second round of observations next week and the focus will be in the math. There is now a focus of what teachers are doing with students and Kim being aware and this helps them collaborate as a team instead of Kim just telling them what they need to do differently. Goal is to keep being able to help teachers implement curriculum and differentiation. We need to align the curriculum more with state standards. If we can figure where some gaps are then we can fill in these needs and adhere to our curriculum as stated in the charter.

One of the concerns the teachers have expressed is that Kim isn't in the classroom as much. Has done quite a bit of math and some science in collaboration with what the teachers are doing in the classroom.

In professional development each Wednesday teachers have started reading a text called The Power of our Words and it goes along with the responsive classroom approach. Karen Ash had volunteered to lead this. The teachers can also get a graduate credit for this.

We had Charter school consultant come in and give us a full day workshop and overview of special ed specifics that we need to do as a school. One of these things was the Student Intervention Team. Daryl had set this up prior to his leaving. This team allows for some intervention instead of an immediate jump to testing for special ed services.

Brenda suggested that a follow up from the teachers that went to the Edu fest in Idaho would be a good idea. The two teachers that went would like to set up a presentation to the other teachers and then also come and speak to the board about what they learned from the conference.

#### Enrollment:

161 Students

4 withdrawals

0 new admits

Mark inquired of the time frames for the lottery procedures and enrollment process for the coming school year.

#### Financial

Mark Paris

Bills: \$11,376.28

\$2,839.72

\$19,570.77

\$3,121.67

Received third installment of DSA money.

Daryl had applied for a DIG grant and a special ed grant. Angela Blair went over that and had some recommendations for changes. Mark and Kim are working to get that submitted. The budget for next year will be coming up and the process is getting started. Mark and Ed are trying to get together to start get this going. Karen Ash inquired if board needs to approve grant application prior to it being sent in. Mark suggested that yes, the board should approve it.

Mary motioned to approve bills as presented

Denise seconded

All in favor, approved

#### New Business

Reimbursement for travel expenses for face to face interview. Car rental approximately \$250 and room at Red Lion \$58 text exempt. Mary would like her on Monday to tour the school, meet Rama, lunch Tuesday with board members and interview is at 4:30 Tuesday.

Mary motioned to approve travel expenses up to \$1000.

Denise seconded

All in favor, approved

#### White Lotus Martial Arts

Lisa Farnsworth. White Lotus will be moving into building on other side of Raul's in May-June. Is inquiring of what we would like as far as physical education for the school. Also teaches healthy eating and exercise. Have good grades incentives and patches for reading etc. Can work around budgets etc. Brenna recommended meeting with teachers and interested parents, possibly on an early out school day. Kim stated one of the concerns prior was that a certified teacher has to accompany kids to off site location for P. E. Rama believes it would be very beneficial and important for us to have some kind of P. E. program.

#### Old Business

##### Parent Survey

Mary motioned to approve the parent survey with changing the wording "transparent" to "clear"

Denise seconded

All in favor, approved

##### IT service

Debby has presented selection form for her recommendation for IT service

Brian Brinkerhoff is present from Frontpoint and has given his background. He is from Salt Lake City. He has been working with Debby to work out some services that would be beneficial to the school and the teachers. They have come up with a contract and a price. Something that differentiates his company is that they do a lot to help keep everything running smoothly "behind the scenes" 24/7. He did an assessment of

the computers and he has discussed that needing new computers is a definite need. Debby is working on e-rate grant to get some funding for our technology. Brian sees working with EIAA as a team building project.

Mary motioned to approve entering into a contract with Frontpoint for IT services at the rate of 2,649.00 a month

Ed seconded

All in favor, approved

#### Gideon Bible Distribution

Milton Alsdorf from Gideons international asked for our "blessing" in being allowed to hand out small new testament to students if they want one. Ed stated he doesn't feel it needs to be a board approved item. All board present stated they didn't have an issue with it.

#### Plan for EIAA administration

We have secured our part time admin and it has been approved through the state and it was also approved that the part time admin could hire a lead teacher to help with items as need be.

#### Public comment

Julie Krch, from Ely, wanted to thank staff. She and her husband have been watching the progress of the school through the website. Lori Miner took her on a tour today and they also spent a couple hours with Kim today. She stated her appreciation and stated they have a desire to start Charter school in Ely.

#### Adjournment

Mary motioned for adjournment

Jacque seconded

All in favor, Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.