

Quest Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2020



Location: Academica West, 290 N. Flint Street, Kaysville, UT 84037

NOTE: It is possible that the QA Board of Directors may be utilizing an electronic meeting component with one or more of their members.

In Attendance: Steve Reeve, Brett Greenwell, Clint Weston, Michele Kersey Smith, Brittney Hale

Excused: Nicole Shelman

Others in Attendance: Dave Bullock, Angelee Spader, Dawn Kawaguchi, Gabe Clark, Ryan Smith, Nicki Slaugh (5:30 p.m.)

The mission of Quest Academy is to provide students a challenging, technology rich environment, enabling young citizens to become leaders prepared for the challenges of an evolving global community.

Minutes

2019-2020 Board Priorities

ACADIENCE Goals

STEM Re-Designation/Alignment/Evaluation

Implementation of Assessment Capable Learners

5:09 PM – CALL TO ORDER – Steve Reeve

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

➤ **Parent Organization**

- *Update on POQA* – Dave Bullock
 - ✓ New president is now Nicole Boucher. She is excited and they are having their meeting right now at QA.
 - ✓ A few more parents have joined the board
 - ✓ Grandparents & Donuts a couple of the mornings for the PTC at the end of the month

➤ **Board of Directors**

- *Financial Review* – Michele Kersey Smith reviewed the financials as of December 31st. Overall the financials look good from Michele's point of view. Ryan added that he made a few adjustments to the line items and trued them up such as the roof. This did not change the bottom line. It gives more clarity to the board. Ryan also

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mentioned that they had the S&P call today. It was very long, but it went very well.

Michele Kersey Smith made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Clint Weston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- New Hires – *Dr. Dave reviewed the new hires.*
 - Christine Bates – Recess/PE TA
 - Tori Miller – Q2 Teacher Assistant
- Approve November 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve November 12, 2019 Closed Session Affidavit

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Discussed and/or Voted Upon)

- *Discuss and Vote on 2020-2021 School Calendar* – Angelee Spader stated that an email went out to teachers and parents to get their input on when they wanted to end school either before or after Memorial Day. She reviewed the proposed 2020-2021 school calendar. This calendar has the required 180 days and we are well over the 990 required hours. There was a discussion on the elementary recess time. There was a discussion on the differences between QA and WSD. WSD's spring break is the week after QA's. DSD has the same spring break as QA's. There was a discussion on how to proceed. Dawn's recommendation was to approve the calendar as is and then if WSD doesn't change theirs the administration can bring it back to the board for an amendment (90 days prior to the start of school). **Michele Kersey Smith made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar. Brett Greenwell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**
- *Discuss and Vote on Sex Ed and Maturation Curriculum* – Dave Bullock stated that they have been using the state approved Prentis Hall textbook and they will continue to use the it. The health teacher has been sent to the state training. Dave reviewed the curriculum sections that the teacher will go over. One change that was made for this year is that we can now discuss contraceptives. The state has provided a powerpoint to our school which goes over the different forms but abstinence is still recommended. Consent letters will go out to parents and they can opt out of the entire unit or specific sections. The school opted out of the 5th grade maturation last year. However, Angelee really feels like it is something that the students need. They hire the same nurse that does the maturation for WSD. They have been using the same curriculum "Always Changing" that is state approved. **Brittney Hale made a motion to approve the Sex Ed and Maturation curriculum. Clint Weston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (For Discussion Only)

- Calendaring Items – Steve Reeve
 - February PreBoard Meeting – Changed to Feb 4th @ 3:30 p.m.

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- Next Board Meeting – February 11th
- National Charter School Convention – June 21-24 in Orlando

5:37 PM – Clint Weston made a motion to BREAK FOR DINNER. Brett Greenwell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6:26 PM – Michele Kersey Smith made a motion to RECONVENE the meeting. Clint Weston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD TRAINING

- *Team Building Activity* – The board and administration were split into two groups. AW had a card game with school acronyms where you had to match it up with the what the acronym
- *Board/Admin Values and Challenges* – Gabe split the board and administration up into two groups and asked them to come up with three strengths and three challenges. Once they agreed on their strengths and challenges, they will present them to the other group.
 - **Group 1** (*Angelee, Nicki, Clint & Michele*)
 - ✓ Strengths
 - ★ Kids come 1st
 - ★ Administration
 - ★ Growth Mindset
 - ★ Data Driven
 - ★ Culture/Support
 - ✓ Challenges
 - ★ Location
 - ★ Physical Space
 - ★ Continual Tech Investment
 - ★ Perception of Charter
 - **Group 2** (*Dave, Brittney, Clint & Steve*)
 - ✓ Strengths
 - ★ Personalized Learning
 - ★ AWESOME Staff
 - ★ Flexibility – Research Based
 - ✓ Challenges
 - ★ Always a need for Marketing
 - ★ Physical Space
 - **ALL** – *The board and the administration chose the top three items from both lists of their strengths and challenges for the school.*
 - ✓ Strengths
 - ★ Individualized Education (kids come first/personalized learning)
 - ★ Data Driven Instruction
 - ★ School Culture (Admin, employees, parents)
 - ✓ Challenges

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- ★ Physical Space
- ★ Brand Awareness
- ★ Technology
 - ⌘ Adaption
 - ⌘ Application
 - ⌘ Implementation

➤ *Timeline Priorities/Master Plan*

- State Accountability
- Fiscally Sound
- Personalized Learning/Individualized Learning
- Brand Awareness

➤ *Next Steps* – Administration will bring back the master plan.

8:03 PM – Michele Kersey Smith made a motion to ADJOURN. Brittney Hale seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.