



Quest Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Location: Quest Academy, 4862 West 4000 South, West Haven, UT 84401

In Attendance: Heidi Jex, Natalie Christensen, Ken Bradshaw, Penn Bradshaw, Brandy Beckman, Michele Smith, Lani Rounds (Principal), Vicki Barlow (Asst. Principal), Ryan Smith (AW), Gabe Clark (AW), and Dawn Kawaguchi (AW 6:05 p.m.)

Excused: Beckie Eastman

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

6:03 p.m. – CALL TO ORDER – Brandy Beckman

Ken Bradshaw made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Michele Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve Board Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2011

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

- Discuss and Vote on the 2011-2012 School Calendar – Lani reviewed the proposed calendar. She stated that they ran two surveys to respond with their input. Penn Bradshaw made a motion to accept the calendar as presented. Michele Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discuss and Vote to Rescind the Tuition Reimbursement Agreement between Brittany Stokes and Quest Academy – Lani explained that Brittany has decided not to pursue her masters degree in Special Education. She is going to continue to teach in Special Ed for the rest of the year on a letter of authorization. Ken Bradshaw made a motion to rescind the tuition reimbursement agreement between Brittany Stokes and Quest Academy. Penn Bradshaw seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discuss and Vote on Amending the Parent Handbook Lunch/Recess Schedule – Lani explained that they implemented a new innovated recess and lunch time for the start of the new term to provide better supervision in the lunchroom and on the playground. The students now have thirty minutes to eat. This also gives teachers a thirty minute prep time. Penn Bradshaw made a motion to accept the proposed lunch and recess schedule (which needs to be updated in the parent handbook). Michele Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- **Academica West**
 - Review and Accept 2010-2011 Budget as of January 31, 2011 – Ryan briefly reviewed the budget. He reported that the bond documents finally arrived. The monthly payment for this year will be about \$33,000 a month which is a \$13,000 savings of the rental rate. Next year the USDA bond principal portion will start and

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you will still save about \$7,000 a month. Legislature supply money has come in.

- ✓ Review updated salary classifications – Ryan reported that he, Brad and Wendy are working on reclassifying the salaries. Ryan stated that he has added an additional column to the budget that provides a percentage of how much has been spent and he has also adjusted the student count as well as some notes. Ryan also reported that they have moved the money for the interest due for the USDA loan on the bond out of the regular operating account to a PTIF account which is interest bearing account. The interest payment is due next year.

➤ **Board Report**

- Discuss Annual Open Meetings Act Training/Review – Brandy reminded the board members that they all need to review the video online and send an email to her stating that you did it. She would like to have it done by next board meeting.

➤ **Parent Organization** by Natalie Christensen

- Talent Show – They had over 70 students that signed up to perform. Forty students were drawn out at random to perform. The staff also performed. The students were so respectful of the performers.
- Our January dress down day made \$1,000. The money was donated to a student and her father that has cancer.
- Next dress down day for a student with leukemia
- Just kicked off spelling challenge fundraiser. The students will take pledges for each word they spell correct. This money is being earned for the playground. It will end with a school spelling bee and a Minute to Win It Assembly
- Movie night was successful. Kohl's employees volunteer and help keep hallways safe. They donate money to our school every time.

➤ **Principal Report** by Vicki Barlow

- State of the School

- ✓ Jan 25th – We had a mini Shakespeare festival for 4-7th graders. A play was presented, *Much Ado About Nothing*, that was a little different. It had a western twist.
- ✓ Jan 29th – Talent assembly kudos going to our superb staff's dance spectacular
- ✓ Feb 4th – “Wonderful & Outstanding Students & Staff”
- ✓ Vicki briefly reported on the lottery numbers for next year. We have many more returning students than we anticipated. We have met with AW to rework our staffing and we are looking at the portable situation. This is without considering the students in the lottery.
- ✓ Currently interviewing state approved lunch vendors to see what options are available for next year.
- ✓ Dawn Wright took a trip to Vista Charter School (located in Southern Utah) to share ideas with another technology focused charter school. She brought back some fabulous ideas that they are doing at their school. Vista will be visiting our school to see what we do. We are looking a possible partnership with them.

PUBLIC COMMENT was made by Tim Ashby and Deann Neil.

6:26 p.m. – Penn Bradshaw made a motion to ADJOURN. Natalie Christensen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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