



# Quest Academy

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, January 10, 2012

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

**In Attendance:** Gabe Clark (AW), Sheldon Killpack (AW), Dawn Kawaguchi (AW), Michele Kersey Smith, Toni Christensen, Brandy Beckman, Heidi Jex, Brice Mindrum, Vicki Barlow (Asst. Principal) and Lani Rounds (Principal)

**Excused:** Penn Bradshaw and Bob Blakely

*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

**6:00 p.m. – CALL TO ORDER** – Brandy Beckman

**Heidi Jex made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS as written. Michele Kersey Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Ratify New Hires
  - Jeremy Carroll – Part time TA
- Approve Board Meeting Minutes from November 8, 2011
- Accept Board Closed Session Affidavit from November 8, 2011

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

- Discuss and Vote on the Jr. High Building Lease Agreement – Brandy stated that the board's attorney has reviewed it and has given his blessing. She would like to proceed forward with signing it. Sheldon wanted to mention that the occupancy date is August 1<sup>st</sup>. He would like to have an option put in for the occupy date to move in as June 1<sup>st</sup> so if you want to occupy sooner you have the choice. **Brice Mindrum made a motion to approve the Jr. high building lease agreement with the change to allow us to occupy the building on June 1<sup>st</sup> if need be. Michele Kersey Smith seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:**
  - Michele Kersey Smith – AYE**
  - Toni Christensen – AYE**
  - Heidi Jex – AYE**
  - Brice Mindrum – AYE**
  - Brandy Beckman – AYE**
- Discuss and Vote on 2012-2013 School Calendar – Lani stated that she sent out a survey to the parents with two calendars. She said that 70% of the parents wanted calendar A. There was also an option to make comments which there were quite a few parents who wanted to be out of school before Memorial Day as well as a shorter Christmas break. Lani tweaked the calendar A to include these requests.

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**Heidi Jex made a motion to approve 2012-2013 School Calendar as presented by Ms. Rounds. Michele Kersey Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

➤ Discuss and Vote on After School Programs and Associated Fee/Donation – Lani Rounds stated that she sent out a survey to ask the parents what type of clubs that they wanted and here's what we came up with.

- **Kids Zumba Club** – This will be offered to students 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be asking for \$1 donation instead of a fee which will pay for the instructor. The class will be offered every other Wednesday from 3:15-4:00
- **Arts & Crafts Club** – We will have Arts & Crafts Club on the same nights as Zumba. This will be offered to students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We will also be asking for a \$1 donation. Students will leave with a project that they worked on that day.
- **Guitar & Orchestra** – Chapman Music offers a music program with a technology component that caters to charter schools who can't afford to have a music program. It is a 90 minute once a week lesson. They offer beginning orchestra (violin, cello, viola and bass) and guitar. They are accredited so when we do have 9<sup>th</sup> graders they would get high school credit for it. There would be a fee of \$60 per month. They would also provide scholarships for students who require a fee waiver. We would offer it for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade to start. Students would provide their own instrument.
- **Ski Club** – Aaron Sirtoli who is a science teacher presented the Ski Club information since he will be the advisor over the club. We will be skiing at Wolf Mountain. The cost for transportation will probably be around \$10 per person depending on how many students participate. The Wolf Mountain charge will be \$22 which includes your ski rental, ski pass, 1 hr. ski lessons and a meal. Total cost for students will be approximately \$40 per trip. Chaperones passes are complimentary for every 15 students and each additional chaperone will be able to ski at the discounted rate of \$15. Students will be home between 9:00-10:00 p.m. and will also be on a school night. It will be offered to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year. Both Lani and Aaron have been working with Gabe on permission forms as well as permission to treat if injured forms. Fee waivers will be applicable for this club.

**Michele Kersey Smith made a motion to approve the after school programs and associated fees and donations related with Guitar & Orchestra, Ski Club, Kids Zumba Club, and Arts & Crafts Club pending that we get the permission slips and liability waivers. Toni Christensen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

## REPORTS

➤ **Board of Directors**

- Review 2011-2012 Budget as of December 31, 2011 – Brice briefly reviewed the budget. There is some Sped money that needs to be spent. Land lease and property tax are a little bit higher than Ryan anticipated. Ryan would like to do a budget amendment this next month.

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- **Parent Organization** *by Toni Christensen*
  - Since we last met in November we have finished the playground. We had a big wood chip party. The students seem very happy.
  - January is a little slow
  - We have our big talent show coming up this month
    - ✓ Two performances due to a high number of participation
  - First part of February is very busy
    - ✓ Muffin Morning – February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
    - ✓ Spelling Challenge – February 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Principal**
  - State of the School *by Vicki Barlow*
    - ✓ Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – Quest Student Council sponsored their first activity for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. A theatre was reserved for a private showing of Harry Potter.
    - ✓ Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – “Get Real Training” by Nicki Slaugh and Suzanne Larsen
      - ★ Common Core
      - ★ Great reading ideas to use as a start to it’s implementation
    - ✓ Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> – “A Net Smart” Assembly on internet safety
    - ✓ Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Student council Christmas party at the Megaplex
    - ✓ Student council assembled holiday packages for our troops
    - ✓ Special Ed training for Read 180 program
    - ✓ Long holiday break
    - ✓ Singapore Math Training for Ms. Rounds and a few teachers

Lani added that we now are using a desktop monitoring system for our Mac computers that allows the teacher to monitor all students in the computer lab from their computer instead of walking around the lab.

**There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**6:27 p.m. – Toni Christensen made motion to ADJOURN. Heidi Jex seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Duration 27:19)**

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