

**Ascent Academies of Utah
Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, March 27, 2015**



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

Ascent Academies of Utah's network of schools utilizes the Schoolwide Enrichment Model to build a strong educational foundation and to provide an enriching, individualized and varied educational experience to all students.

In Attendance: Mike Ostermiller, Tyler Schvaneveldt (phone), Trudy Sorensen (phone) , Stuart Adams

Excused: Kathy Thornburg

Others in Attendance: Chris Bleak, Brandon Fairbanks, Brad Taylor, Kim Dohrer, Kara Finley, Josh Spilker

MINUTES

9:04 AM – CALL TO ORDER by Mike Ostermiller

CONSENT ITEMS

- **Board Meeting Minutes**

Trudy Sorensen made a motion to approve the December 15, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes; Stuart Adams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Stuart Adams made a motion to approve the January 28, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes; Trudy Sorensen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comments were made.

REPORTS

- **Executive Director Update**

Chris Bleak provided an update on the status of the school. Tricia Remington has been hired as the Director of the Lehi Campus and her experience includes working as a teacher, SEM Coordinator, and Assistant Director. The Lehi Campus still has room to enroll additional students and will continue to seek prospective families. A mid-year satisfaction survey was administered at both campuses and yielded positive results that are being evaluated. The network administration strategic planning meetings are being held another one will be held in April.

- **Budget Update**

Brad Taylor reviewed the budget, including the restricted funding. The two loans are

helping with cash flow based on the need to purchase equipment and technology and are being paid accordingly. The spending percentages are in line with where they should be and the programs are running at expectations. The cost for school lunch and the positive feedback on the program was discussed. The reimbursement requests are being submitted along with the requisite paperwork. Enrollment scenarios and fundraising efforts were discussed. The budget for next year is in progress and the current years budget will be updated and approved again in June.

VOTING ITEMS

- **2015-2016 Fee Schedule**

Chris Bleak reviewed the proposed fee schedule and the standardization of the fees across the grades. Students are also able to have fee waivers where applicable. Stuart Adams made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Fee Schedule; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **2015-2016 School Land Trust and Budget**

Chris Bleak presented the campuses School Land Trust plans, the committee meetings that have taken place, and the review of last years plan. The campus plans include purchased professional services, SEM conferences, technology and equipment. Stuart Adams made a motion to approve the Farmington and West Jordan Campus 2015-2016 School Land Trust and Budget; Tyler Schvaneveldt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual**

Kim Dohrer reviewed the requirement for schools to adopt a Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual for the campuses to follow. Trudy Sorensen made a motion to Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual; Stuart Adams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Furniture Order**

The furniture purchase to outfit the new campus with furniture and add additional furniture for the current campuses junior high programs was reviewed. The furniture company is on state contract. Tyler Schvaneveldt made a motion to approve the Hertz Furniture purchase for \$168,842.47; Stuart Adams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Dress Code Policy**

Chris Bleak talked about the current dress code and that changes will be evaluated and updated at each campus to allow for greater flexibility. Changes to the administrative dress code policy were reviewed and the changes to the Dress Code Policy allows for campus flexibility on particular items.
- **Action Items**

The Board is current on action items.
- **Calendar**

Annual meeting planning will be coordinated by Chris Bleak and Mike Ostermiller. The planning for curriculum next year and how it is currently working at each campus.

ADJOURN

- Trudy Sorensen made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting.
Board Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.