

Aristotle Academy

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American Fork, Utah 84003

December 17, 2013, Approved Feb 25, 2014

Call to order:

Michael Westover called to order the regular meeting of the **Aristotle Academy Board of Directors** at 6:10 Pm on December 17, 2013 at Aristotle Academy in American Fork, Utah.

Welcome/Roll call:

Michael Westover, President conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Michael Westover president, Alan Shino Vice President by phone, Kris Vollmer Treasury, Angie Peterson Secretary, and Robert DeRuyter by telephone.

A quorum was present.

Administration/staff: Principal Kent Fuller.

Visitors: Jon Funes, Denise Thornton Teacher.

2. Public Comment:(limit to 2 minutes per person, up to 10 minutes total):

no Public comment

3. Prior Minutes Review/Discussion

Minutes from the October 29, 2013 and November 19, 2013 Board of Directors meeting were submitted by Angie Peterson for approval Kris made a motioned to approve October minutes with the correction of Michaels name, Angie Seconded it, vote unanimous. Alan Shino and Robert DeRuyter Abstained from the vote. Motion passes November minutes are tabled till next month.

4. Board Training:

Brian Carpenter Podcast #3- talked about the policies, and how we have as a new school don't have all the policy we need in place. We then discussed, having a policy to approve and one, and then move on and discus another. Board policy agreement along with a conflict of interest form for the board to disclose any conflicts they need.

5. Bridge Learning Program Discussion”:

We had a state board meeting on Thursday December 12th. Aristotle Presented to the State Charter board the amendment requests to:

- A. Change where we have our break groups; Make it so the groups don't just have to be in the breakout room, and can be leveled groups.
- B. Got rid of the Iowa test since we no longer use it.

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- C. Changed the request of monies from \$2,000 to \$1,000 for approval of the principle
- D. And the amendment for the bridge learning program.

These all were approved except for the Bridge learning program, which was approved as is until the January 9th State School Board Review. Discussed the program and answered the questions the board had presented to us. Have Kent work with Jon to get prepared for that meeting in January.

6. Principals Report/Consent Agenda Discussion/vote:

A. Enrollment and marketing:

- End Sept (Oct 1) 195 Aristotle academy + 25 Map =220
- End Nov. 189 Aristotle Academy + 24 Map Students =213
- Dec. 17 190 Aristotle Academy = 24 Map Students =214
- A year ago we lost 16% by this time. This year we have only lost 6%

B. Staffing:

- Front office staff has been reduced. Lunch manager/records position has been cut. Discussed how this was received with the teachers. Mrs. Thornton responded with “teachers are worried about their job security”.
- Classroom observation in progress. All provisional teachers have been observed.

C. Curriculum:

- Meet with Jon Funes and Rebecca Akester to review Harmony/Bridge program is in alignment with our curriculum (Hillsdale) and assessments

D. Students Outcomes:

- Removed requirement for IOWA testing

E. Budget/Finances:

- Made a Request to Woodbury Corp to lower lease payments. Owners are discussing with the lenders and haven’t gotten back with us. Saved us about \$70,000 which includes staff changes and a cut in Velocity. We are still needing Woodberry to cut \$90,000. Might need to cut velocity altogether.

F. Program Update:

- Removed the required IOWA testing,
- Replaced Breakout groups in separate classrooms with the option of leveled groups in the classroom.
- Removed the requirement of using Mentor teachers. Focus is put on teacher collaboration.
- Fiscal Procedure guidelines changed to reflect our current policy and state recommended policy

Angie made a motion to approve the Principals Report as a consent agenda. Robert second the motion unanimous vote. Motion approved.

7.Closed Meeting (per UT 52-4-205:

No meeting

8. Open Public Meeting:

N/A

9. Other Item(s) :

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1. Reviewed the No fee Policy. Talked about Boys and Girls club as part of Aristotle. There are working as a separate club. They have a separate Liability policy. Robert made a motion accept the policy as put forward by Kent. Kris seconds the motion; vote is unanimous. Motion passes.
2. Computer lab: Had two quotes. Angie made a motion to approve the purchase of 30 computers from H-wire for \$8280.00. Kris seconds the motion. Vote was unanimous; motion passes
3. Insurance: Discussed the insurance companies and the coverage they have! We propose a million dollars. Kris makes a motion that the board approve Kent to be able to obtain a million dollar coverage limit for Directors and officer's liability as well as a one million dollar employment liability limit coverage e, and for him to find the best deal, not to exceed \$2200.00 a year cost, Angie seconded the motion; vote unanimous. Motion Passes.

10.Adjourn:

Adjourn Until Tuesday January 21 at 6 pm Kris made motion to adjourn until the 21st of January, Alan seconds the motion, vote unanimous; motion passes. Meeting ended at 8:04 pm.

Angie Peterson, Board Secretary
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