



Governing Board Meeting

Date: January 18, 2024

Location: Junior High – Building 2; 1228 West 2185 South, Woods Cross, UT 84087

Board Members Present: Al Pranno, Alisha Johnson, John Cook, David Ray, Anna Mark, Jim Collings,

Excused: Lee Peterson

Others Present: Brandie Evans, Priscilla Stringfellow, Alicia Ady, Kim McVey, Shalon Brierley (via zoom)

MINUTES

BUSINESS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

OPEN MEETING: ROLL CALL AND WELCOME

Al Pranno called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

○ Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

○ New Hires

• Ada Carter

Brandie Evans discussed the new hire as a behavior specialist. This is a new position. Ava has a relative that works at the junior high, but she will not report directly to them. She will also not do fidelity check with her relative.

○ Consent Agenda

• December 14, 2023, Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes

Alisha Johnson made a motion to approve the new hire Ada Carter and the December 14, 2023, Board Meeting and Closed Session Minutes. David Ray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Al Pranno, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye; John Cook, Aye; David Ray, Aye; Anna Mark, Aye; Jim Collings, Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

○ Audit Committee

There was no update at this time.

○ Policy and Governance Committee

There was no update at this time.

○ Executive Committee

There was no update at this time.

○ Communication Update

There was no update at this time.

○ Academic Excellence Committee

Anna Mark presented the Academic Excellence Committee report. The committee has decided to focus on defining, reshaping and redefining what it means to be at LPA. How do they redefine their identity or shift it to keep up with the times. Once they have re-defined



what they want it to be, they will bring it before the board. They want to re-write goals and submit an Exhibit A to amend their charter to better fit their goals. They want to define what classical education means and how their school exemplifies classical education. The board discussed what an Exhibit A would entail and why they would need to submit an Exhibit A.

FINANCIAL REPORT

○ Financial Report Review

○ Finance Committee report

Jim Collings provided the Finance Committee report and monthly budget report. This report included the forecast numbers. He discussed how the forecast has gotten better from the initial budget that was approved in June of 2023. The forecast revenue is higher than initially expected thanks to Brandie and Priscilla finding new grants to apply for and receiving more revenue. Jim discussed the local, state, and federal sources of revenue. They discussed why the numbers on the Net Income Trend graph are negative, and how to read it accurately. They discussed the possibility of amending the budget because they budgeted high for construction, and they don't think they will need all the money that has been budgeted.

DISCUSSION & VOTING ITEMS

○ Non-Reoccurring and/or Not Previously Approved Purchases Over \$20,000

There were no Non-Reoccurring and/or Not Previously Approved Purchases Over \$20,000 at this time.

BUSINESS OF ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

○ Operations Report

Brandie Evans provided the Operation's Report. She reported that the Equipment and other Capital Assets Paid for with Federal Funds Administrative Procedure was updated to align with the updated rules and regulations. She reported that they had a generous donor who paid off all their negative lunch balances in December. The board discussed the use of the angel fund that the school has in order to help students eat who have negative lunch balances. She discussed the process of figuring out who needs the angel funds. The school will call families who hit a -\$15.00 balance to figure out what the situation is in order to best support the student and family. She also reported that their 1st A/R review with the National Lunch Program will be held March 27-29. The auditors will be at the school observing the school for three full days. The front office updates to building 1 were completed over the holiday break. This wraps up their existing projects. They are going to allocate the rest of the funding to other school improvement projects including some things to help with school safety. She reported that they currently have 980 students registered for the current school year. This does not include students who have enrolled and accepted their spot but are missing documentation. She also discussed student retention. The school is currently enrolling returning students for next year. The 1st lottery for new students will be held



January 22, 2024. New student enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year opened November 1, 2023, and runs until they hit maximum enrollment. The school can accept up to 217 additional students. There are currently 114 students entered into the lottery, most of which are kindergarten.

○ **Education Report**

Priscilla Stringfellow provided the Education Report. Priscilla reported that teachers have been trained regarding charging fees and how to use them properly according to the updated fee rule. They are currently working on the fee schedule for next school year. It is prepared and will be sent to the public before the next board meeting for public comment. Priscilla also reported on the Elementary and Jr High ongoing character education. They are continuing to focus on the Paideia with student and teacher shout-outs tied to each of the traits. Both schools are focusing on Fortitude this month. After the break, grades K-9 reviewed all the rules and expectations in classrooms and shared spaces. She also reported on the ELA and math data for grades K-8. She gave a comparative analysis of where they are this year compared to last year. The administration is especially happy to see that the math scores are making good progress. 8th grade has improved over 13% over the expected norm. The middle of the year Acadience testing will begin in 2 weeks. 8th grade students will be participating in the NAEP test on February 6th. The school will be hosting the Martin Luther King Jr Speech contest for the Elementary and the spelling bee for grades 3-8 during the next month. She reported that the teachers have just done a data dive in order to see what gaps need to be addressed.

CALENDARING

- Next Board Meeting Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 7:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION (This closed meeting may take place at the beginning and/or conclusion of the meeting): To discuss character, professional competence, physical or mental health of an individual (employee or student), and any of the following topics, if necessary: strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease or sale of real property; collective bargaining; or pending litigation, or other matters appropriate pursuant to statute(s).

The closed session was tabled.

ADJOURN

At 8:26 PM Al Pranno made a motion to Adjourn. David Ray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Al Pranno, Aye; Alisha Johnson, Aye; John Cook, Aye; David Ray, Aye; Anna Mark, Aye; Jim Collings, Aye.

LPA Governing Board:

2024: Lee Peterson (Member), Anna Mark (Vice Chair), John Cook (Member)

2025: Al Pranno (President), Jim Collings (Member)

2026: Alisha Johnson (Treasurer), David Ray (Secretary)