

MINUTES

Canyons Education Foundation Board Meeting

08/14/2025 7:30 AM / Meeting held at CSD offices and called to order by Quinn Sperry

ATTENDANCE

Present: Brenda Suta, David Blain, Jenn Andrs, Katie Dahle, Don Willie, Michelle Mitton, Shawn Newell, Landon Bradfield, Brad Snow, Susan Edwards, Denise Haycock, Brooke Carn, Rick Robins, Quinn Sperry, Kimberly Bell, Katie Lowder, Haeli Barlow, Brian Parker, Nikki Stevenson

Phone: Suzanne Harrison, Marci Housman, Mike Van Roosendaal

Excused: Bill Rappleye, Greg Summerhays, Amanda Morton, Bonnie Billings, Dan Jorgensen, John Martindale, Aaron Metcalfe, Andy Boyce, Mila Gleason, Fred Lowry

Guests: Reid Newey, McKay Robinson, Mandy Romney

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & BOARD BUSINESS- Quinn Sperry, Board Vice President

- Welcome everyone, excuse Fred as he is not able to be here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Brad Snow made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2025, meeting with a second from Shawn Newell. The minutes were unanimously approved.

DISTRICT AND CANYONS INNOVATION CENTER UPDATE- Dr. Rick Robins, Superintendent and Reid Newey, Director of Innovation Center

- Meeting recording started after Rick's welcome, due to recorder issues.
- State of the District report- Presentation
 - 73% of ACT test takers scored about 18- No. 1 district in Utah
 - Class of 2025 had \$50 million in scholarship offers
 - Eastmont is going to be online as the new school year begins. They are hoping to be in person on Sept. 2.
 - Reviewed School improvements, Jordan, Eastmont, Hillcrest, Corner Canyon
 - Employee Satisfaction
 - Teacher Retention 90%
 - Teacher Satisfaction 78%
 - Students
 - Total enrollment is 32,289
 - 1-2% decline
 - 79 languages are spoken
 - Challenges and Opportunities
 - Chronic absenteeism - 31%
 - New initiative of Every Day Counts, possible area to support as a board.

- High School absenteeism is 43%
 - Math and Science proficiency is down 2.3%
- Portrait of a Scholar
 - How we are evolving as a school for workforce development
 - Evaluate and map it all the way down to our elementary schools
 - Innovation Center will be the anchor in preparing our students for the future of jobs.
- Innovation Center Update
 - Currently in the design finalizing phase.
 - Working on curriculum to be ahead of the needs when the center opens.
 - Hoping to start building the trades building in October. Renovations to the current building will be starting shortly after that.
 - Currently looking to hire a business development liaison who will work to connect the current programs with local businesses.
- Slide presentation will be sent to CEF Board Members before our next meeting in September.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

- September 18 - it is coming up soon. Registration starts at 8, tournament at 9.
Be there to help at 7am.
- Wasatch State Park has restrictions regarding food and beverages. We will need to have hole sponsors bring items that cannot be provided by the golf course.
- We will have the use of 2 golf carts during the tournament
- There will be 10 carts available to use at the start to prep the hole sponsors.
- Lunch will be a taco fiesta, breakfast will be breakfast sandwiches
- Due to the raising costs at Wasatch, there is a desire to look into different options of places to host.
 - Specifically let's look at Willow Creek and Hidden Valley
- Volunteers to help with the morning setup.
 - Michelle, Nikki, Quinn, Katie L., David, Shawn, Brad, Andy, Marci
- Wear your canyons shirt and foundation name tag so we are identified as staff
- Golf SWAG is a golf bag cooler, sleeve of golf balls, Wasatch Savings, and other goodies in the bag
- Mont Millerberg Tournament logo golf towel will be given out at Superintendent's hole
- Auction items are needed. We are building out the auction and have a few things, but we need more.
 - We are asking each board member donate an item for the auction.

2026 GALA

- March 26, 2026
- Need a committee and a focus for the GALA this year.
 - Comments that we should keep the innovation center in mind when determining the focus.
- RSL and the Miller Family is working on a potential speaker. David Blain is working on the options through them.

- Greg will chair it again.
 - David, Marci, Jenn, Brian, Mike (possibly Don & Michelle) as members of the committee
- Creating the Pathway could be the theme for the GALA as we prepare for the innovation center.
- Focus on students! Highlight past innovation projects, spotlight STEM and Maker Space initiatives for elementary and middle school, work force development across the grades, success for every student.
- Idea of having sponsorships for different STEAM and ARTs nights. What is the cost of the different options that schools host?
 - Susan Edwards will take on the determination of the cost for different programs in our schools. We will create a 'menu' of funding opportunities/sponsorships.

FOUNDATION REPORT- Denise Haycock, Development Officer

- Thank you to Jordan Credit Union for their large donations focusing on our teen centers and shoes for students.
- Keeping in mind our focuses that we always cover including Resource Closet, Unified Sports, Teacher of the Year, DonorsChoose, donations, scholarships, etc.
- Several wonderful donation drives are happening to help us to gather donations and monetary help.
 - KUTV and Cyprus Credit Union
 - Fox13 and Granite Credit Union
 - Sandy city/local churches day of service donation drive to help create hygiene kits
 - Larry H Miller Automotive Group
- Possible idea to help with school social workers and psych in supporting their needs for students in the schools.
 - There is not a "teacher supply" stipend given to these employees
 - What resources are currently available to these employees?
- Donors Choose will be doing a match day on August 20. We will look and fund as many as we can.
- Holiday Oil is running a round up campaign for Tools for Schools, goal is \$70,000.
- Foundation Innovation Grants and Ace Scholarship information is out.
- First Day of school events
 - Red carpet welcome for our elementary and middle school students on the first day of school – August 18.
 - Email Denise if you would like to participate.

FINANCIAL REPORT- Brooke Carn, Administrative Assistant

Current statement was provided.

NEXT MEETING

September 11, 2025- Canyons District Offices

Motion to adjourn by Quinn Sperry, seconded by Susan Edwards at 8:58 am.