



GATEWAY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A M O N T E S S O R I C H A R T E R S C H O O L

November 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 7:03pm on November 12, 2015 by Wyett Ihler

Board members present: Wyett Ihler, Helen Johnson, Natalie Okeson, Meleana Hunsaker and Jill Johnson.

Staff/Public present: Andrew Burt, Jonada Munk, Lincoln Fillmore, Aimee Dibrienza, Katie Dodds and Terie Simcox.

Public comment by Helen Johnson. She wanted to let the Board know how wonderful the Veterans Day Breakfast and Program went at the school.

Set Agenda: Agenda was set by Wyett Ihler.

Review/approve October 8, 2015 meeting minutes: Helen Johnson moved to approve minutes as written. Natalie Okeson second the motion. It was agreed upon unanimously.

Directors report: Andrew Burt invited the Board of Directors to attend training that the UAPCS is doing in St. George, Utah on November 19 from 6:00-8:00pm. They will talk about strategic planning for Boards and for Schools. He talked about how our funding comes from enrollment as of October 1st each school year. However, next year it will be based on this year's average daily membership. Andrew has been in contact with SUU Head Start, a Montessori pre-school. He is going to send a couple of our teachers to observe at the pre-school to help determine if the pre-school would work in our school. Andrew turned the time over to Katie Dodds explain the process of how PLC's (Professional Learning Committee) have been implemented into the 90 Day Plan. Andrew also went over some of the Board Walk Through reports and addressed the concerns of the Board.

Financial Report: Jonada Munk talked about the Audit Report. The report is not finalized yet but as near as she can see, everything looks good so far. She talked about how we may need to amend a new budget because of some changes in staff. It does not need to be addressed at this time. She will have more information and address it in the next Board meeting.

Lincoln Fillmore talked about Charter Agreement Plan and pointed out items that affect our school. He recommends that the Board reads through the Charter Agreement and understand it. He also recommends that if the Board has any concerns that they should direct those concerns to him or the State Charter School Association.

Action Items:

FY2016 UCA Approval: Andy Burt talked about the UCA 2016 Grant. He has been working on the application and needs the Board members approval to submit it. He went over the school

improvement goals that are included on the application and goals that can be attained if we received the grant.

Wyett Ihler asked for a motion to approve the FY2016 UCA grant. Jill Johnson motioned to approve the FY2016 UCA grant as written. Helen Johnson second the motion. It was agreed upon unanimously by the board.

2015-2016 School Fee Schedule Approval: Jonada Munk talked about the Fee Schedule and 7th and 8th grade activities and field trips.

Wyett Ihler asked for a motion to approve the 2015-2016 School Fee Schedule. Natalie Okeson motioned to approve the 2015-2016 School Fee Schedule as written. Meleana Hunsaker second the motion. It was agreed upon unanimously by the board.

Other Items:

School Community Council and Trust Land: Meleana Hunsaker was asked by Wyett Ihler to report on the School Community Council and Trust Land training that she attended. Meleana came away with great ideas on different activities. She thought it was neat to see all of the different schools there and learn of the different programs that other schools offer. She touched base on the lack of involvement from parents and staff at board meetings. She feels we could improve on communicating to parents and staff about dates and times of Board Meetings.

Distance Education Presentation: Andrew Burt asked Aimee Dibrienza to show the Board a presentation on Distance Education. She presented a Powerpoint on reaching out to students and families in rural areas and helping them implement an online program and curriculum that would work for their individual needs regarding their education.

Wyett Ihler asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Helen Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Natalie Okeson second the motion.