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Spectrum Academy Board Meeting

Date & Time September 13th, 2016 7:02 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Location Spectrum Academy High School NSL, Utah

Members in attendance: Marney DeVroom, Dennis M. Bullard, Marcy Johnson, Jana Gold

Members Excused

Spectrum Staff Brad Nelson, Jaime Christensen, Rachel Colledge, Christina Guevara, Kaley Veater Liz Banner, Christine Manning, Barry Pewtress, Kristen Wilson

BUSINESS DISCUSSED

Board Session

- Review and approve minutes from August 9th, 2016 board meeting. Motion to approve Dennis Bullard, Seconded by Jana Gold, and unanimously approved.
- Financial Update (Brad Nelson)
    - A copy of the budget was distributed.
    - New CREATE property expenses were discussed.
    - Dennis mentioned that the Annual Audit is coming up. He talked to Squire. They said that the fact that Brad comes to all the Board Meetings is very impressive.
- Update on Pleasant Grove expansion Opening.(Brad Nelson)
    - Update on Pleasant Grove Ribbon Cutting; Ceremony was Awesome.
        - Fox News and KSL both had news stories on the new school expansion.
    - The Autos for Autism Show was fantastic, 40 cars showed up. Expecting more cars next year.
- Academic Director's Update (Jaime Christensen)
    - Spectrum Academy Class Change Policy
        - Motion to accept made by Jana Gold, Seconded by Dennis Bullard, and unanimously approved.
- C.R.E.A.T.E Director's Update (Rachel Colledge)
    - See attached

- PG School Principal's Update (Liz Banner)
    - See attached
    - Science teachers YouTube Channel mentioned.
- NSL Secondary School Principal's Update (Christina Guevara)
    - See attached
- NSL Elementary School Principal's Update (Christine Manning)
    - See attached
- Safety and Security Update (Marcy Johnson)
    - Reminded everyone about emailing her drill documentation when drills are conducted.

Next Board Meeting NSL October 11th, 2016 7:00pm

Motion to close the meeting was made by Marcy Johnson seconded by Dennis Bullard, and unanimously approved.

Public Session

- Opportunity for public comments: No public comments were offered at this time.

Marcy Johnson

Marcy Johnson, Secretary

CREATE Campus Updates:
Rachel Colledge, Director

Storefront Location:

Students

Students are learning in the following classes: Daily Living Skills, VR Transition, and School-based Business. In the Daily Living Skills class there is an emphasis on cooking. Students have made French toast, marinara, salsa and much more. In the VR Transition class, students have not only been exploring careers, but have started receiving their weekly lessons from Vocational Rehabilitation counselors. In School-based Businesses, students have started the process of making stepping-stones that they will eventually sell. Students who have demonstrated skill mastery have been going to job sites at Lakeview Hospital and Waikoloa.

CREATE Campus:

Students

We have solidified updated processes, permissions and forms for students participating in CREATE Campus programs.

Partnerships:

We have added the following two members to our Advisory Board:

Karin Palle, Director of The Center for Entrepreneurship at Westminster College
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Phone: (801) 856-0592
Karin Palle thrives on wearing many hats and unleashing the entrepreneurial spirit. Since high school, she created and supported a variety of businesses, including co-founding Rico Mexican Market & Catering, which started from a bag of beans at the Farmers' Market. Karin's passion for providing resources to help small business owners grow and flourish led her to start Advanced Business Consulting, become a Business Advisor for the local and national Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses programs, sit on the Board of the Vest Pocket Business Coalition, and lead the Women's Networking Group as Executive Director. Currently, in addition to her work with Westminster's Center for Entrepreneurship, she is the Growth and Strategic Operations Director for Prestman Auto and Image Studios 360.
Karin earned her undergraduate degree and MBA from the University of Utah, where she focused on human resource management and marketing. She passionately believes that building and nourishing relationships and having access to resources are the keys to personal and professional growth.

Michael Sproul, Vivint Gives Back Supervisor
Michael's LinkedIn summary reads:
From a young age I knew I wanted to make a difference in the world. I didn't just want a job where I sat in a desk all day crunching numbers, I wanted to change the lives of other and make the world a better place.
For the past 2 years I have been working on making the lives of children with special needs better and easier by taking over 25 volunteer teams to renovate schools, centers and homes throughout the United States and Canada.
I have also been an integral part in helping increase fundraising donations by 25% from 2014-2015.
My specialties include non-profit management, volunteer management, fundraising, event planning, and the Microsoft Office suite.
Michael holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from BYU.

Vivint race follow-up:

As cross country womens' coach, I have discussed with Jaime C, Phil Torres and Todd Davis and determined that on October 15th our "meet" will be this road race as it is a 5k. I have followed-up with Michael to see if we can register our cross-country members as a team registration rather than individuals (for logistical reasons). I await his reply. At this race, we'll ask cross-country runners to wear their Spectrum Academy jerseys. As the cross-country team numbers are now in excess of 60 runners, this is a relatively inexpensive, but highly visible way for us to show reciprocal partnership for Vivint.

Vocational Rehabilitation:

Rachel and Christina have had two meetings with Vocational Rehabilitation counselors to determine the best processes for reaching students, sharing information, and the logistical concerns around VR intake meetings: student/parent preparedness, scheduling and meeting spaces. Details are being solidified. Once the CREATE Campus is open for operation, the plan is that VR will have a space at the campus in which they can meet with parents and students each Wednesday. Until this space is ready, they are going to be at the Secondary School on Wednesdays starting September 14th.

Pathways:

Information Technology: We are pursuing the IT pathway. We are working on grant applications requesting support in the form of IT equipment, software and curriculum to be submitted to the Autism Council of Utah and Autism Speaks.

Automotive: We met with Chris Hemmersmeier, President and CEO of Jerry Seiner Dealerships to discuss possible automotive-related pathways and partnership. Initially, these could be in the form of detailing, parts pulling. Chris set a follow-up with up a follow-up meeting for us with Marcy Hartung, the human resources manager, and Dustin Hartung, the service manager, to discuss the best pathways within the automotive industry and the feasibility of partnership. Both Marcy and Dustin were intrigued and excited to further their inquiry with their various departments to see if a mutually-beneficial experience could be set up at their dealership in North Salt Lake with the anticipation that if successful, we could expand to their dealership located at 2100 South in Salt Lake. The next steps are these discussions they are having with their departments. We'll then discuss their findings and determine if this is going to yield an educational partnership opportunity.

Note: The service and automotive technician pathways have promising outcomes and could be robust pathways, but the cost of training equipment is a potential challenge for CREATE. Further discussions about training equipment and costs are forthcoming.

Jaime Christensen, Liz Banner, Amy Baker, and Rachel Colledge met with Vivint Gives Back. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the partnership and to outline upcoming needs. Vivint desires to have a clear vision of support for the entire year. We shared new information about the CREATE Campus. They were thanked for the support in the form of sensory rooms at NSL elementary and the upcoming one in PG. They asked us to inform our stakeholders (parents in particular) about the support they give. They have had multiple excited parents approach them for the same events. They'd like to increase our stakeholders' awareness of their support and decrease multiple requests for the same things. They have an upcoming race in October. Discussion was had about Spectrum's support of this race.

Our application for approval of CTE programs is complete and has been submitted to the USOE. Jaime Christensen and Rachel Colledge are starting to attend the CTE Directors' Meetings beginning in September.

Personnel:

Kona Plunkett is our new job coach. He comes with years of experience working for Utah State Developmental Care where he supported individuals with varying challenges in pursuing independent living.
We held a CPR/First Aid training session on August 26th. This served to train CREATE Campus employees working at the storefront, some NSL Secondary School Medical Assistance Team staff and NSL Elementary staff. We are looking at continuing to offer these throughout the year to ensure staff on MAT teams or with reasons for needing certification will have on-site opportunities to do so.

Pleasant Grove Campus Update August 2016

1. First Annual Autos for Autism (PG's version of the Turkey Trot)
    a. This was a very successful event! We had so many registered cars, vendors, and so many events! Our PAC (Parent Activity Committee) was amazing. They spent so many hours working on this and envision this event to be an annual event that our PG Spectrum family looks forward to!
    b. Jaime, Brad and some others from NSL came and supported our event. A big thank you to all of them!
2. Newsfeeds

. We had Fox 13 come to our school to do a story on our Autos for Autism event. We also had Channel 5 come and do a story on the opening of our new high school campus. They were both a very positive look at Spectrum.

a. We also had one of our teachers on the local and national news for having a baby that she didn't know that she was having :). Brooke Williams is one of our functional skills teachers.

3. August professional developments

. Our staff is amazing! We had to change plans on a daily basis as we came back to school for our professional developments. We had unexpected events happen with the expansion that were beyond our control and all of our staff was willing to roll with whatever was happening at the time.

a. We also had help from our community partners. We held our benefits meeting at Doterra and a behavior training at one of the Vivint buildings in Provo. It was a great opportunity to work with them.

i. Jaime, Racheal, Amy and I were able to meet with Vivint after this to talk about a possible partnership.

4. Back-to-school nights

. Our back-to-school nights were a great success. Thank you to Dennis for coming, and for the board for all of their support!

5. Occupational Track

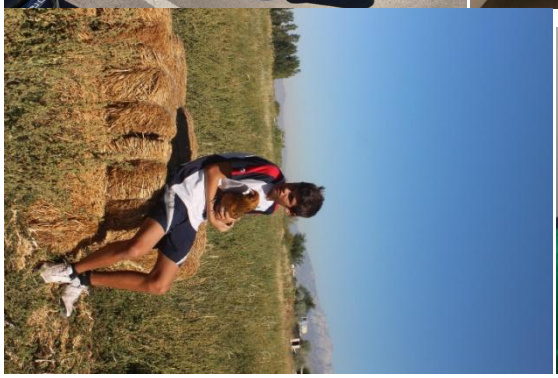
. Our occupational track is learning about planting and farming. They have been planting their own seeds and learning about soil. They have been gathering compost material and adding it to their soil before they plant their seeds. They went on their first field trip to a local farm so they could see what happens on a larger scale.

. Check out the fun pictures below!

a. They are also working on sales and marketing with our new school spirit wear. They are gathering orders, working on budgets and marketing.

. I have added their marketing ordering form.

Pictures……



NSL Secondary School Update- September 13, 2016

Our first stomp of the school year will be on Friday, September 16th. We have a student DJ. He has been working on his playlist for weeks and is super excited. The 5th and 6th graders will be having a stomp to build cohesion and then the 7th-12th graders will have a separate stomp after that.

On Thursday, September 15th we will be having an assembly by "Diesel Brotherz". They have a show on the Discovery Channel and we are hoping that this will create a potential partnership and maybe the can bring some of the trucks they create to Autos for Autism next year? We will see!

Homecoming will be on October 7th from 7-9pm at the school. The theme is "Renaissance". The SBO is excited for this event.

Our very own, BJ Smith has been asked to speak at the DATC graduation at the end of September. He will be graduating in the spring from the culinary arts program at the DATC.

Zack Young, a former student and now a paraprofessional at the secondary school received the Para Educator to Teacher Scholarship and is now attending SLCC. Last year, 70 applications were submitted and 17 people were selected. We are excited about this opportunity for him.

We had a service dog assembly two weeks ago. Our 5th and 6th grade students attended and learned about the service dog that we have on campus. Our upper grades will be informed about service dog etiquette by our SBO who are making a PowerPoint and flyers.

We are talking part in Assessment to Achievement and have had our first building meeting. The goal is to engage our staff in using data effectively to make instructional decisions that yield improved student results.

We will also be a part of the state-supported Autism Team Team training. This has given us access to the Autism Classroom Observation Tool which will allow us to provide explicit and appropriate feedback to teachers who run a classroom for students with autism.

NSL ES:

Back to school night was a huge success! The Pirate treasure hunt was a hit! It was a pleasure to have Dennis join us at our Back to School night-Thanks Dennis!

Our new bell schedule is working out really well- we have reduced behaviors significantly. The school is quiet and calm. Staff and parents are delighted with our inclusion of music, art, and movement related to the core.

I will be meeting soon with the parents for Turkey Trot. This is the final year these parents will be helping with the Trot so we need to be thinking ahead to how we want to continue TT in the future. I will update next month.