



## Board Meeting Minutes

### MEETING INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	February 20, 2013
<b>Time:</b>	7:00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Renaissance Academy, 3435 North 1120 East, Lehi, UT. 1 <sup>st</sup> floor in the Rousseau (southwest corner classroom)
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	March 20, 2013

### ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Board Members		Invited Guests	
<b>Attended</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>	
x	Carolyn Bayly	Crystal Hahn	Brittany Price
	Mariah Fralick	Jenny Morris	Jen Taylor
x	Heather Miller	Anna Jorgensen	Matt Lovell
x	Ryan Hunter	<b>Public in Attendance</b>	
x	Cameron Sabin	<b>Name</b>	
	Chris Wareham	Paul Stokes	
x	Mark Ursic – Executive Director	Spencer Stokes	
x	Emily Simons – Executive Assistant		

### MOTIONS AND APPROVALS

#	Motion made by	Motion	Vote
1	Ryan Hunter	Approve the minutes from the previous board meeting.	Cameron Sabin seconded. All voted in favor a part from Carolyn who abstained.
2	Ryan Hunter	Approve the global ends policy with the changes that were made.	Cameron Sabin seconded. All voted in favor.
3	Cameron Sabin	Approve the School Land Trust plan.	Ryan Hunger seconded. All voted in favor.
4	Ryan Hunter	To go into closed session.	All voted in favor.
5	Cameron Sabin	To close the Board Meeting.	All voted in favor by name.

### ACTION ITEMS

Action Item	Due Date
Find out scores for 1 <sup>st</sup> grade from last year.	March 20, 2013
Final DIBELS scores for May Board Meeting.	May 15, 2013
Update on the School Land Trust plan	March 20, 2013

TIME	TOPIC/SUBJECT DISCUSSION
7:05 pm	<b>Welcome and roll call.</b> Carolyn Bayly, Heather Miller, Ryan Hunter and Cameron Sabin were present. Mariah Fralick and Chris Wareham were absent.
7:07 pm	<b>Motion.</b> Ryan Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting. Cameron Sabin seconded the motion. All voted in favor, apart from Carolyn Bayly who abstained.
7:08 pm	<b>Accreditation Goals.</b> Brittany Price and Anna Jorgensen, co-chairs of the Accreditation committee, presented the accreditation goals. Each goal is broken down into objectives, strategies and activities. The Board looked through the packet and asked a few questions and made comments. The paperwork is due by Monday so any comments or changes from the Board need to be submitted to the committee by Friday. The Board and Mark both thanked Brittany and Anna for their hard work and the many hours that they have put into this.
7:25 pm	<p><b>Differentiated Instruction.</b> The third grade team, Crystal Hahn and Jenny Morris, gave a presentation on how they are differentiating math within their classes. They explained the differences between leveling between classes and within classes. They then went on to explain why they are leveling within their classes and how it works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are different groups that are assigned different colors so that the students don't know which group is the highest level and which group is the lowest.</li> <li>- The teacher calls up each group one at a time to go through their work. In the meantime, the other groups work on a list of tasks that they need to finish before the next time they meet with the teacher. They are able to work with each other and ask each other questions.</li> <li>- The highest group goes out in the hall with the aid or parent volunteer while the teacher works with the lower groups.</li> </ul>
7:54 pm	<p><b>Middle School presentation.</b> Jen Taylor gave a presentation on the plans for Middle School next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are moving to a block schedule.</li> <li>- Technology – trying to get iPads for the middle school.</li> <li>- She briefly went through some of the electives that will be offered next year. The new electives in the presentation include: CSI: Forensic Science, Hug the Earth: Environmental Science, Debate, Government, Photography, Art Foundations 2, Zumbatonic, Beginning Ballroom, Advanced Ballroom, Modern Math, Career Orientation and Exploration, Statistics, Sociology, Creative Writing, Creative Studies, Desktop Publishing/Yearbook, Web Design, Advanced Drama and Audition Choir.</li> <li>- She also went through some new required courses: Art Foundations 1 (7<sup>th</sup>), Leadership 1 (7<sup>th</sup>), Leadership 2 (8<sup>th</sup>), Music and the Performing Arts (8<sup>th</sup>), Study Skills (8<sup>th</sup>), Life Skills (9<sup>th</sup>), Leadership 3/Service (9<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>- She also went through a list of field trips that are planned for next school year: Timpanogos Sunrise Hike, Storytelling Festival, Red Butte Gardens Natural History Museum, Legacy Center, Festival of Trees, Science Fair, Middle School Talent Show, Winter Solstice Fest, Cross-country skiing, 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the State Capitol, BB and Bees, Pi Day, Hale Center Theater Play, Earth Day Project/Movie, 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Antelope Island, Museum of Natural Curiosity, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Physics day at Lagoon, 9<sup>th</sup> grade at La Caille, Hogle Zoo.</li> </ul>
8:35 pm	<p><b>Red Apple Update.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Title 2A – federal money that comes in for teachers.</li> <li>- The report needs revision because some money has been charged to the wrong category.</li> <li>- School Land Trust program is where Matt thought needed attention. When the auditors did the audit, they carried over some money from last year. But the money for the land trust plan</li> </ul>

	<p>was all spent so there shouldn't have been any money carried over. Matt also thought Special Ed is an area that should be looked at.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mark, Ryan and Matt will plan to have a meeting to sit down and go over everything.</li> <li>- Matt also suggested having a monthly finance meeting before the Board Meeting.</li> </ul>
9:06 pm	<p><b>Chinese Immersion Update.</b> The Board looked at DIBELS scores for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes. The results showed students who were in the core category (low risk), the strategic category (some risk) and the intensive category (at risk). In Dual Immersion, 48 students were tested. In the composite score, 42 were in the core category, 5 were in the strategic and only 2 were in intensive.</p>
9:20 pm	<i>Break</i>
9:28 pm	<i>Board reconvened.</i>
	<p><b>Action Item.</b> Look up scores for 1<sup>st</sup> grade testing from previous years to compare with this year's scores.</p>
9:36 pm	<p><b>Motion.</b> Ryan made a motion to approve the global ends policy with the changes that were made. Cameron seconded the motion. All voted in favor.</p>
9:37 pm	<p><b>Global Ends 2. Academics – DIBELS Mid-Year Data.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Board looked at the chart that showed the DIBEL's scores. The gray bar on the chart is the bench mark, the blue box is our student's scores and the little break in the blue box is the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile. There is a table on the side that shows the overall scores. Apart from the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, everyone improved from the beginning of the year to the middle of the year.</li> </ul>
9:45 pm	<p><b>Action Item.</b> Look at DIBELS scores from last year to compare with this year's.</p>
9:47 pm	<p><b>Special Ed Update.</b> Kim Clyde is the head of the Special Education department since the beginning of this year and it is going really well. There is a good relationship between the special ed teachers and the classroom teachers, which is really important. They have caseloads and responsibilities broken up, that structure is working really well.</p>
9:59 pm	<p><b>Safety Update.</b> We drew up some plans and gave some plans to a contractor who is taking them to the city to find out what kind of permits we need. In order for it to not look awkward, they came up with a better layout which requires taking out more walls. This will mean that it will cost more. We should have an estimate back by the next board meeting. The visiting Chinese students really seemed to enjoy going to classes with our students. We had an assembly that they performed in. It was a very positive experience.</p>
10:04 pm	<p><b>Chinese New Year Experience.</b> There were 44 children that stayed with 20 different families for four days. On New Year's Day, we fed 160 people, courtesy of Celebrating Children: U.S. and China. Many families expressed their desire to participate in future homestay experiences. Many parents also expressed excitement in feeling so connected to the school's mission.</p>
10:06 pm	<p><b>Adobe Update.</b> Heather has been talking to Diana Waite about going on a tour of the Adobe building. Diana Waite will get in contact with them to set up a day for the tour.</p>
10:08 pm	<p><b>School Land Trust Plan.</b> The goal for the school land trust plan is, "Renaissance Academy will implement a continuous improvement process that provides clear direction for improving conditions that support student learning." The plan is to purchase 30 new laptops for teacher use in the classroom.</p>
10:11 pm	<p><b>Motion.</b> Cameron made a motion to adopt the 2013-2014 school plan for the use of school land trust funds. Ryan seconded the motion. All voted in favor.</p>
10:13 pm	<p><b>Board Member Applications.</b> There are no applications yet. Between now and march that the board will be putting out the word that they are accepting applications. All the interviews have to be done by the April Board Meeting which is when they will vote on new Board members.</p>

10:18 pm	<b>Background check info.</b> The Board provided information to receive background checks.
10:21 pm	<b>Self-Evaluation.</b> Mark went through and scored himself on the self-evaluation form.
10:48 pm	<b>Motion.</b> Ryan motioned to go into closed session. All voted in favor.
11:20 pm	<b>Motion.</b> Meeting brought back into open session. Cameron motioned to close the meeting. All voted in favor.