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## **Spectrum Academy Board Meeting**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>March 17, 2021 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Spectrum Academy Pleasant Grove Campus</b>
<b>Members In Attendance</b>	<b>Jason Steenblik, Dennis Bullard, Madi Leyba, Amy Loertscher, Larry Bethers, Marcy Johnson</b>
<b>Members Excused</b>	<b>Marney DeVroom</b>
<b>Spectrum Staff In Attendance</b>	<b>Jaime Christensen, Brad Nelson, Courtney England, Lauren Haslem, Kane Stokes, Amy Baker, Susan Gould, Kaley Veater, Levi Grisenti, Christina Guevara, Liz Banner, Kristen Wilson, Jeremiah Clark, Krisanne Lewis, Molly Poirier, Kristi Ungerman, McDevan Carling,</b>

### **BUSINESS DISCUSSED**

#### **Board Session**

- Motion to approve minutes from the February 17, 2021 Board Meeting was made by Larry Bethers and seconded by Dennis Bullard, and unanimously approved.
- Financial Update (Courtney England/Brad Nelson)
  - Lottery (Brad Nelson) - We are only about 9 students away from full enrollment in NSL. 29 in PG. Still going through the process of tours and parents accepting but are optimistic in how full we are already. We will have about 90 new students in PG. There should be no reason why either location won't be at full enrollment for what we can take in. 1440 last year. 1480 this year. We are authorized for 1600. Jaime Christensen brought up how we have been nominated for keeping a high enrollment year after year, especially with COVID this year. Policy currently is to back fill any spot when somebody un-enrolls. This doesn't always happen because we have to look at what type of spots we have available and if we are able to take in another Functional Skills kiddo. If the Functional Skills classrooms are already at capacity or fuller, then it is difficult to enroll a new student that could be another functional skills kiddo.
  - Legislative Session (Brad Nelson) – Good year for schools and education financially. They seem to be making up for canceling so many programs last year. WPU went up 5.9% to \$3809. That is an increase of about \$700k in funds that will cover raises for next year. COVID bonuses were funded in February before the session ended. \$1,500 for licensed employees. \$1,000 for support staff. \$1.2 mil – grow your own teacher/counselor program. Setting up pathways/scholarships to employees to get their licenses. \$7 mil – OEK (kindergarten full day programs). \$5 mil – Charter school base school funding program. No SPED funding changes. However, they have started rolling out the changes in reporting requirements for State SPED funding. It is still very early in that process though. Cannot have online only option to attend school. Must provide other options. Appel S program for SPED licensed teachers along with a Competency-based SPED endorsement option in the works. Jaime Christensen has been asked to sit on the board for those discussions.



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- Cash Management Policy Change (Courtney England) – The board reviewed the change and a motion to approve the change was made by Dennis Bullard and seconded by Amy Loertscher and was unanimously approved.
- February 2021 Financials (Courtney England)
  - Discussed budget revision will be presented in April's board meeting. There are several COVID grants that need to be added into the income and also factor in expenses for those grants. The board requested to receive a copy of the revised budget the Friday before the meeting, for time to review.
  - PG STARs construction is right on track for where we should be for expenses and actual construction.
- COVID Update (Krisanne Lewis)
  - 55% of our staff is vaccinated although we are not sure if everybody is filling out the survey reporting that they have been vaccinated. So, the number could be higher. NSL is 72% of the vaccines with PG at 27% of the vaccines. Case numbers are way down and we are definitely heading in the right direction.
  - Brad Nelson discussed that COVID pay funds are ending at the end of March. We need to convey to staff that if you are exposed or come down with COVID, you will need to use your own PTO or, if you are out of PTO, will need to take an unpaid day. We will announce to all staff next week.
  - On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the mask mandate going away is NOT applicable to schools. Masks will be mandatory for the rest of the school year, at minimum.
- Fundraising (Amy Baker)
  - Spectrum Shines event is coming along nicely. However, it has been a tough year to get larger corporate donations. She is doing the best she can and we have had a few sizable donations so far. The talent show is going to be amazing. Also, we have received over \$62k in Donors Choose donations.
- Update (Jaime Christensen)
  - School fees policy and schedule – PEN night has been held, along with virtual meetings, for parent input at both locations, as required. Dennis had a few questions regarding verbiage and policy that were clarified and answered to his satisfaction. Larry made the motion to approve the school fee policy with the few minor tweaks that were discussed. Amy Loertscher seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. School fees schedule for SY2022 at both NSL & PG locations was reviewed. Larry Bethers made a motion to approve. Madi Leyba seconded it and was unanimously approved.
  - School land trust plan – Board reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Amy Loertscher and seconded by Madi Leyba and was unanimously approved.
  - Title I review – Had a two-hour meeting and everything went really well. No findings on both the educational side and financial side.
  - Accreditation process for PG – need to get some input and feedback to Kristi Ungerman on goals for our 5-year plan. 1<sup>st</sup> goal - Meaningful post high school experiences. 2<sup>nd</sup> goal - Increase academic proficiency. 3<sup>rd</sup> goal -Self-advocacy in the IEP process. 4<sup>th</sup> goal - Competency based instruction. The Board feels the goals align with our school and are excited to see future continued progress made.



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Jason Steenblik suggested Saturday May 1st for a retreat board meeting to discuss our 3-5 year plan. Will be held at NSL HS from 10-2. Will be a public meeting, however, they do not need/expect Admin to come. Will only need board and directors there.

Larry Bethers asked about staff morale at this point in the school year. Jaime Christensen stated that it has been a tough month with the students and that this time of the year is usually hard anyway but it is now harder with COVID. Bonuses and other perks and spring break coming up has kept staff going but it is still tough. Paras are starting to leave this time of the year with college wrapping up. Admin are doing a great job keeping everybody going and motivated though.

Thanked other Admins/Staff for their reports and for a job well done.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Amy Loertscher and seconded by Marcy Johnson. Unanimously approved.

**Public Session**

No public comments.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for April 21, 2021 at 7pm in North Salt Lake.

*/s/ Courtney England*  
Courtney England, Business Manager