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## Spectrum Academy Board Meeting Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	September 9, 2014 7:00 – 8:25P.M.
<b>Location</b>	Spectrum Academy PG Campus, 867 South 800 West, Pleasant Grove
<b>Members Expected</b>	Dennis M. Bullard, Marney DeVroom, Jana Gold, Marcy Johnson, Rozanne Marsh, Blake Schmutz, and Jason Steenblik
<b>Members Excused</b>	
<b>Spectrum Staff</b>	Brad Nelson, Jaime Christensen, Christina Guevara, Ashley Pamp, and Barry Pewtress

## **BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**

### **Board Session**

- Review and approve minutes from July 15th, 2014 board meeting.
  - Motion to approve made by Blake Schmutz, seconded by Dennis Bullard and unanimously approved.
- Financial Update (Jason Steenblik, Brad Nelson)
  - Budget- waiting for October 1<sup>st</sup> count before any amendment are made/approved.
  - Staff has been added to the PG campus due to need; this will be included in the revised budget.
  - Additional amendments to budget are projected to cost less money than the current approved budget.
- Academic Director's Update (Jaime Christensen)
  - Opening of the new school was very close to the day we were able to take possession of the PG campus.
  - Always assessing and making changed as needed.
  - Things are settling down and a routine is immerging
  - Compliance to standards and procedures "The Spectrum Way" are starting to emerge.
  - Training is still going on for the new teachers/paras assessing and teaching model.
  - Monitoring teachers/paras on a regular basis to try to avoid burn out.
- PG School Principal's Update (Barry Pewtress)
  - Positive experience –
    - Barry shared the stories of class and the teamwork that has been formed.
    - Barry also shared a story of a child that has adapted to spectrum thru a few stages.
    - Principal Liz has lizards in her office, and as a reward for some of the children, an incentive has been set up in the form of a lizard pass. It allows the children that would like to visit with the Lizards. It has worked well as a reward.

- Diverse student base some students are adapting fast and others are slowly coming around.
- Working with some children to help them figure out what is causing the behaviors, and working to resolve any issues.
- Teamwork with the staff is incredible responding to behaviors.
- The team is working well becoming a family and working well together.
- School zone is being proposed with the City of Pleasant Grove, and it should be in place soon.
- It was suggested that there be an activity in the next year involving all Spectrum Staff, North and South.
- We now have one Spectrum Staff member and one regular Spectrum volunteer that are Graduates of Spectrum Academy.
- Secondary School Principal's Update (Christina Guevara)
  - Track team – Tryouts went well 6-12 grade
  - Writing project – working with all teachers so students are being taught many different writing aspects.
  - Core strategies
    - Allowing children to have 7 subjects with three teachers. Helping them succeed.
  - OCS /Functional skills Jobs
    - Jamie Dawson is doing an amazing job establishing goals that meet the children's needs.
  - Transition
    - Transportation – Working well para's are a great support
      - Still working on getting a bus.
    - DATC
      - Welding
      - Drafting
      - Culinary arts
  - PEN
    - Reading and math strategies
    - Student Support
    - ERT
  - SBO
    - Stomp was held last week
    - Anti Bullying – Very positive
- NSL Elementary School Principal's Update (Ashley Pamp)
  - New teachers are transitioning into the new year very well
    - Working to meet the needs of all students
  - Jandy S. has started working to help positively support all the teachers.
  - 2 Core strategies have also been established K-2 and 3-5.

- Writing is being integrated into many subjects including Library
- Safety and Security Update (Marcy Johnson)
  - Need Contact information for Safety information
    - Jaime will get that information to Marcy
- Next Board Meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2014 at 7:00pm at the North Salt Lake Campus.
- Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Bullard seconded by Rozanne Marsh and unanimously approved.

### **Public Session**

- Opportunity for public comments
  - - “When will the writing program be implemented at the PG campus”
      - The writing component is already integrated into the current curriculum.
      - Portfolio system scheduled to be implemented the beginning at the beginning of next year.
  - Carrie Smith
    - Asked about Panther club on Monday
      - Friday or Sunday reminders will be sent out.
    - Asked about the school schedule being changed?
      - Next Monday school day times will be set. Still assessing the big picture to make sure we can make the most efficient choice for the children.

  
Marcy Johnson, Secretary