



Spectrum Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	October 13, 2015 7:00pm to 8:32pm
Location	Spectrum Academy High School, North Salt Lake, Utah
Members in attendance:	Marney DeVroom, Dennis M. Bullard, Jana Gold, Marcy Johnson, and Jason Steenblik
Members Excused	Blake Schmutz
Spectrum Staff	Brad Nelson, Jaime Christensen, Christina Guevara, Kaley King, Liz Banner, Christine Manning, Tonya Draper.

BUSINESS DISCUSSED

Board Session

- Review and approve minutes from September 8, 2015 board meeting.
 - Motion to approve the minutes as presented to the board made by Dennis Bullard; seconded by Jason Steenblik; unanimously approved.
- Financial Update
 - No Financial update at this time. The update will be provided during the next Board meeting.
 - Update on bonding:
 - The \$18.3 million dollar bond has been approved and will be closed on October 22nd 2015.
 - The bonds will completely funded at closing.
 - Once the bonds are in place, Spectrum will own all of the buildings outright.
 - The school has the option to buy out the bond in 4.5 years.
 - Brad commented on the qualifications of the Board here at Spectrum Academy and its positive impact upon the rating process.
- School Rating was brought up by Jana. Going forward in our charter, the school looks at ways to make sure the students are growing and progressing. The perceived weakness of the state grading system will be addressed.
 - Jaime said she has always set goals and moved forward. The Assessment for achievement system is in place. It is identifying any weaknesses and addressing them directly. Continual professional assessments. Each school has an individual assessment plan.
 - We are in the process of drafting amends to the Charter.
 - Christine Manning mentioned that she has been talking to Paul Ashby and Julie Quinn about coming up with a better assessment for our Special Education population.



- Jaime mentioned that the state has given parents the option to opt their children out of any testing.
- Kaley suggested that we put together a parent’s testimonial on the website
- Christina said that the summer training brought up great assessment topics for the Assessment to Achievement. Staff feedback has been very progressive.
- All three schools are scheduled to meet every month to reassess school goals.
- Academic Director’s Update (Jaime Christensen)
 - ESI committee report was presented to the board.
 - The school is improving on strategies to address behaviors in a proactive and positive way.
- PG School Principal’s Update (Liz Banner)
 - Focusing on how to get the children “hooked and engaged”.
 - Just finished the Sage interim testing for grades 6-8.
 - Next week 3-5 Sage interim testing is scheduled.
 - “Anatomy Academy” - BYU students are working with the 5th grade. The ratio is two to one.
 - There are several districts coming to take tours to see how the school is succeeding with the children.
 - Excited for the expansion. All the departments have come up with ideas of how to expand successfully.
 - Getting ready for Halloween.
- NSL Secondary School Principal’s Update (Christina Guevara)
 - Utah Film Center has come and presented to our Middle School.
 - Plan and Explore test coming up. Gearing up for testing and making sure all children are engaged with positive activities when they are not working
 - Rotating students with the work program. Two new job coaches.
 - Timeline on the building being ready for the work program - in Brad’s words “soon”.
 - DATC report: the students are doing very well.
 - Bus transportation has had some issues. The communication has been very positive. Some changes have been made due to problems and some changes will be made due to other problems.
 - Monthly Drills have been conducted.
 - Fire drill last month was less than three minutes.
 - Lockdown during class drill was performed today it was less than 33 seconds.
 - Active shooter training (without students) last spring was eye opening and brought up some specific issues that are being addressed.



- Mini training Classes scheduled for November for staff training.
- NSL Middle School Update (Kayle King)
 - Online PEN going very well.
 - Next PEN is October 20, 2015.
 - Principal's Club is going well.
 - Leveling-up program is going well.
- NSL Elementary School Principal's Update (Christine Manning)
 - Turkey Trot
 - \$3000 sponsorship
 - \$3500 individual
 - Teams set up
 - Permit is issued, refreshments arranged
 - Functional skills class is scheduled to divide and move to accommodate the large number. The Strats Class is being disbanded; the children currently in Strats will be placed into the classrooms.
 - Ballet West is coming in with the 5th grade twice a week
 - Juan Diego students are coming in next week to work with the students.
- Safety and Security Update (Marcy Johnson)
 - All Drill reports need to be emailed to Marcy. All principals have agreed to do so.
- Next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 3rd 2015 at the PG campus.
- Motion to close the board meeting made by Marcy Johnson; Seconded by Jana Gold; unanimously approved.

Public Session

- No public comments were given.



Marcy Johnson, Secretary