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Spectrum Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	October 14th, 2014 7:00 P.M. – 8:20 P.M.
Location	Spectrum Academy High School, North Salt Lake, Utah
Members Expected	Dennis M. Bullard, Marney DeVroom, Jana Gold, Marcy Johnson, Rozanne Marsh, Blake Schmutz, and Jason Steenblik
Members Excused	
Spectrum Staff	Brad Nelson, Jaime Christensen, Christina Guevara, Liz Banner, Ashley Pamp, Barry Pewtress

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Board Session

- Review and approve minutes from September 9th, 2014 board meeting.
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dennis Bullard, seconded by Jana Gold and unanimously approved by the board.
- Financial Update (Jason Steenblik, Brad Nelson)
 - Jason presented the amended budget broken down by months.
 - October 1st student counts are complete.
 - Brad explained the Medicaid line item “Other Financial Resources” The school is applying for Medicaid reimbursement.
 - We are in line to have enough in reserves to bond out and get the State Credit Enhancement program. Marney mentioned that the board feels a tremendous amount of pressure from the many potential students on the waiting list and as a board a lot of what we are doing is to make sure we are able to expand in the future.
 - Bus – The school now has a bus to transport children to the DATC and other activities.
- Process for selecting the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction (Brad Nelson)
 - Brad was on the interview committee
 - Interesting process
 - His position was to make sure Charter Schools had a voice
 - Brad C. Smith was chosen and will take office in November.
- Academic Director’s Update (Jaime Christensen)
 - Very busy at Pleasant Grove, things are getting better added some additional classrooms and support staff. Things are getting better.
 - Liz is working hard late nights and weekends. She has done a fantastic job.
 - PG Middle School is running smoothly a majority of the teachers are from the North Salt Lake Campus and not new to Spectrum.
 - PG Elementary School a majority of the students are from a couple of different private schools and Home School. It is an IEP challenge/opportunity we have quite a few students that required testing and initial placement.
 - Research Opportunity coming with WPS at the NSP Campus.
 - The International Meeting for Autism Research is coming to Utah in May 2015. Jaime is working on a committee to plan the meeting.

- PG School Principal's Update (Liz Banner)
 - Teamwork across the campuses is helping make Spectrum run smoothly
 - PAC – is working hard and excited for the rest of the year
 - Anatomy academy coming for 5th students
 - Teach the students about health
 - They are scheduled to come every Friday
 - Dailey Harold is scheduled to come and follow one of the Middle School Students around for a day to write about a day in the life of a student.

- Secondary School Principal's Update (Christina Guevara)
 - DATC
 - Several students are sailing along
 - Jeremiah is doing a great job as liaison
 - Looking forward to more students coming into the program in January
 - Transition
 - Looking into better descriptions for the parents
 - CORE strategies feedback is very positive
 - Functional skills are working with ABA and responding well
 - Technology for classes
 - Thank you to Alex – He has been able to meet all of the schools needs.
 - Aaron Powner & Todd Davis have also been great helps.

- Elementary School Vice Principal's Update (Ashley Pamp)
 - Things are going well
 - Strong and passionate staff
 - Data and assessments are being watched

- Safety and Security Update (Marcy Johnson)
 - Nothing to report at this time

Public Session

- Opportunity for public comments
 - Liz Schults – read an email that she wrote earlier today.
 - Mentioned that she was concerned about the recent video that was posted to Youtube.
 - Todd Schultz – Also mentioned the video and stated that Mr. Letherrbarrow is a great teacher and has done some great things.
 - Elana Roddy – Stated that her son is also in Mr. Letherrbarrow's class and he has excelled in his class.

- Brad Nelson – Stated that the schools position is that the behavior that was recorded on the video was not condoned and it goes against what this school stands for.

Good teachers are hard to find and worth saving, there are actions that have been taken and made to make sure something like what happened does not happen again.

The incident has been sent to UPPAC for review to make sure that a third party reviews the case.

A Student Instruction Policy will be identified.

- Dennis Bullard
 - Stated that he is the only non parent Board Member
 - He asked the parents to remember why we are all here.
 - Close ranks as a family not perfect but close.

- Aaron Powner – Introduced himself as a representative of all teachers. And as teacher mentor he stated that he is privy to many of the struggles that never come to light. He sees the desire and passion in the students and teachers.
 - He quit his public Ed job to come to Spectrum Academy and see the magic that happens here.
- Annie Grant – Para Paraprofessional, please remember that teachers and paras are human also and have bad days. Biscuits and Chickens. Tatter tots.
- Next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 7:00pm. NSL campus
- Motion to close the meeting made by Dennis & Seconded to Rozanne, unanimously agreed upon by the board.


Marcy Johnson, Secretary