

GENERAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES

ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS

South Valley Academy, Inc dba South Valley Prep & Arts Academy Board of Trustees may go into Executive Session for confidentiality reasons at any time during the meeting, to receive certain information and legal advice with their attorney.

Meeting Minutes for 1/30/12 at 5pm:

1. Call to Order by Ronda Owens
2. Attendance - KJ Weihing, Ronda Owens, Kellyn Wines, Swen Anderson, Ex Officio (Deb Coleman)
Absent - Donald Kelly
3. Open Call to the Public: If the item is not an Agenda Item, the Board may or may not wish to address the issue at this time. Please register with the Secretary of the Board to Speak at the Open Call. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes per person.
4. Agendas: Review and approve to previous Board Meeting minutes - Ronda motioned to approve minutes from previous meeting, Kellyn Wines Second and all were in favor.
5. Review and approval of all Board Members - For the purposes of AZ State Charter Board all board members were reviewed for approval: KJ Weihing, Swen Anderson, Donald Kelly, Ronda Owens, Kellyn Wines - KJ Weihing made the motion to approve all Board Members to be on the Board, Kellyn Wines Seconded the motion and all were in favor. Ronda Owens made a motion to add Deb Coleman as the ex officio, KJ seconded, all were in favor.
6. Discussion and Review of AZCIP Grant - Total Budget was \$410,000 for year one and two combined, which was used to get the school up and running with technology, furniture and curriculum. Amount remaining in the budget is \$85,000 for 2011-2012 for this year and \$240,000 remaining for next year. Set up of technology and anything that can be taken by the school can be paid for by the Grant. Board Members are to sign the yellow page in the binder to ensure they reviewed. Ronda Owens made a motion to accept the presentation of the AZCIP Grant financial information as presented in the binder passed around, Kellyn Wines seconds the motion, all were in favor.
7. Discussion and action regarding enrollment count

In our charter when approved for enrollment cap was 150, there was a typo at the charter board and it is now registering as 50. Our proforma for this school is based on a cap of 30-32 students per class. The facility has the capacity to hold in excess of this (approx 575), but our board has capped the enrollment at 425. KJ makes a motion to cap the enrollment at 425, Kellyn seconds, all were in favor.

8. Principals Report:

- Staff recognition and reports

- Upcoming events and announcements: Feb 2nd and 3rd are parent teacher conferences, Feb 9th a school wide trip to Mesa Arts Center, Feb 13-17th is the Galileo testing for the second block grades 5-8, Feb 16th is Ultimate Frizbee game, March 6 the art teacher is taking the class to ASU art museum and parents are welcome to attend, March 7th is the 3rd quarter awards day, March 9th is the dance company performance 6-8pm, March 10th and 11th the Ostrich Festival takes place and the dance company is going out to perform, March 28th are spring pictures and also 8th grade promotion pics, March 30th is the talent show, April 16-20th are the AIMS test.

- Data: Discussion and review of Galileo, Dibels Reading and Math data and decisions on academic levels, discussion regarding disaggregated student achievement data identifying gaps among student subpopulations: Teachers are currently working on the Student Achievement Plans to discuss with parents at the parent teacher conferences to let parents know exactly where children are in math and reading. This breaks each area down into standards so parents understand where students are deficient or succeeding. Galileo mirrors AIMS key code so we can ensure they are successful. Board discussed

implementing bubble sheet testing in weekly quizzes to allow students to have increased exposure to AIMS style testing. Students are demonstrating improvement in all areas and some student are showing a year's growth already. For the students having difficulty the Principal has set up tutoring in mornings and after school along with differential instruction in the classroom.

The Board Discussed the following items. Mrs. Coleman presented information to the Board on items 9-14.

9. Discussion regarding education strategies used to close achievement gaps among student populations.
10. Discussion regarding support for increased academic achievement as measured by state assessment.
11. Discussion regarding South Valley strategic plan: Academic, Athletic and Art Philosophy and Facilities. - The strategic plan initially promotes increased learning for our students and to focus primarily on academics and secondly to promote a well rounded student through arts and athletics.
12. Discussion regarding achievement and relative program adjustments to achieve annual improvement.
13. Discussion regarding measuring progress.
14. Discussion regarding involvement of parents and community members in planning, program design and implementation of the charter school. Mrs. Coleman has started a Parent Advisory Board and has included monthly activities for parents and children to participate at the school.
15. Discussion regarding policies and procedures to contract services. Currently there are contract procedures in place with Skyline Education, inc. Skyline Education is currently reviewing lease to own contracts for phones, cameras, bell, intercom and security systems.
16. Discussion regarding access to Board Agendas and minutes on website. Board Minutes and information are loaded on the website (www.southvalleyschools.com) and available at all times.
17. Discussion regarding next Board Meeting date. - March 27th at 5pm.
18. Discussion and consideration regarding any of the above items.
19. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06pm. Kellyn Wines made the motion to adjourn, KJ Weihing seconds the motion, all were in favor.