



BOARD MEETING

6:00 – 7:30 PM, Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Esperanza School Meeting Room * 4956 W 3500 S, West Valley City, UT 84119

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janet Christensen (Chair), Cody Case, Juan Freire, Patricia Matthews, Challene Nuvan, Steve Winitzky

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marty Banks, Rocio Velasquez, Ivette Rivera (Faculty Rep)

OTHERS PRESENT: Eulogio Alejandre (Principal), Chrystal Sanchez (School Secretary), Chris Miller/Red Apple (Business Manager)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

FINANCIAL REPORT – Chris Miller presented the financial report. Revenues and expenses through April 2015 are on track as anticipated. At the June board meeting the board will review and approve a revised budget for 2014-15 and the initial budget for 2015-16.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The minutes for the March 17, 2015 board meeting were approved. Steve motioned, Patricia seconded, the vote was unanimous.
2. Recording of action item email voting from March meeting. Quorum was not present at the March meeting so the three action items on the agenda were subsequently approved by email vote. Seven of eight board members voted in the affirmative: Janet, Patricia, Cody, Juan, Marty, Challene and Steve. Rocio did not vote. The approved items:
 - a. Minutes of the February 24, 2015 board meeting.
 - b. Land trust plan for 2015-16.
 - c. The salary and goals for 2015-16 for Esperanza's Executive Director/Principal.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Executive Director/Principal report
 - a. Student enrollment for 2014-15 resulted in 80.7% retention. The enrollment goal was 390; 391 students were enrolled on October 1, 2014. A total of 456 students attended Esperanza during the year; 88 left the school; 368 students are currently enrolled.
 - b. Status of enrollment for next year (2015-16) is currently 486 students; the enrollment goal is 450.
 - c. Principal Eulogio is currently seeking the following teachers/staff needed for next year: two special educators, 6th grade teacher, Title I coordinator, librarian and aide, four Title I paraprofessionals, a part-time PE teacher.

- d. Current-year teacher observations went well. The observation team included parents, an Ogden principal, colleagues and Principal Eulogio. 17 teachers were evaluated and generally scored high in the areas of classroom management and SIOP abilities.
 - e. The third round of Conditions 4 Learning school-wide assessments will be conducted May 22-29. Administration will be proactive in enlisting parent participation and has offered incentives to teachers and staff for their participation. The teacher participation goal is 80%.
 - f. Principal Eulogio acknowledged the PTO for its great efforts in raising funds for playground equipment for the older grades.
 - g. The Spring Celebration will include student musical and dance performances and be held May 7 at 6pm at the Granger High School Auditorium.
 - h. Principal Eulogio explained the implementation of the WOW program during the last few months of the 2014-15 school year under the guidance of Esperanza's board chair Janet Christensen. WOW is an acronym for the "wonder of words," a highly versatile tool developed by Janet over three decades as an educator for teaching English literacy to English language learners and struggling readers. It has proven successful in her work as a special educator and as an ELL interventionist. Esperanza will compensate Janet \$1500 for her time and expertise in training teachers and implementing the program.
 - i. Sixth grade graduation will be June 3 at 10:20. It was suggested that Mike Wright and Barbara Lovejoy be specially invited to these events.
2. SpEd Manual. Board members received copies of Esperanza's special education manual prepared by Laura Sage, Esperanza special education director. Patrica and Janet, both career special educators, will review the manual to ensure it is consistent with Esperanza's charter.
 3. PTO report by Challene Nuvan.
 - a. The net funds raised by the PTO this school year will probably come in at around \$12,000; this funds will be used to pay for playground equipment for the older students. The recent chocolate candy bar fundraiser has been the most successful. The Harmon's fundraiser will probably result in \$1000 and was an easy, fun event – thanks to Harmon's for including Esperanza.
 - b. PTO funds have been used for teacher appreciation events during the year.
 - c. The PTO will organize the Field Day for June 2.
 - d. Fund raising events are already being set for next year: another Paulino's restaurant event, tamale sales in December, a Halloween fair.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next board meeting – Tuesday, June 16, 2015 * 6:00-7:30pm, Esperanza Elementary School