

Syracuse Arts Academy Work Session Minutes Thursday, June 4, 2009

Place: Syracuse Arts Academy, 2893 W. 1700 S., Syracuse, UT 84075

In Attendance: Chris Dallin, Andrea Larkin, Brittani Brown, and Tonney Kaw-uh

Not in Attendance: Cameron Almond

Others in Attendance: Jan Whippey (Principal), Emily Coon (AW), Trent Brown (AW), and David Hall (Advisor to Board)



The purpose of Syracuse Arts Academy is to develop respectful, confident citizens in a solid educational environment enriched by artistic expression.

2008-2009 Board SWOT Goals

“If Disney ran your school?”

Understanding of the school’s purpose and function

Relationship between staff & POEC

Integrated Arts

Minutes

Integrated Arts Presentation

I 4:45 PM – Teacher Classroom Walk-Thru

5:00 PM – Call to Order – Andrea Larkin

Business Items (To Be Discussed and/or Voted On During Board Meeting)

- D/A ➤ David Hall reviewed the End of Year Budget for 2008-2009 in depth. Overall, there are no significant or questionable items being reported. Due to statewide budget cuts in education, the Board is proposing giving the teachers a \$25 increase in their monthly medical benefits stipend and not a raise. David identified an area where the budget may significantly change this next year; if this happens, then it may be possible to give salary raises. He also reviewed the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget.
- I/D ➤ Discuss Jr. High Purchases – Trent
- Advent is a local Digital Video company that will be providing the security cameras. The school is wired and ready to go. Trent was very impressed with their pricing and product.
 - Trent has obtained multiple companies for the telephone system. They can even help the school sell their current phone system that will not expand. Trent is leaning towards Rocky Mountain Voice and Data, but no agreement has been made yet.
 - Trent is also working to obtain bids on a Sound System.

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- I ➤ Update on Jr. High Expansion
 - An inspection will be done on Monday, the contractor is finishing the final details to get the appropriate certificates and inspections completed.
 - Jan would like to make reservations with the Missoula Children’s Theatre.
 - Jan gave a report on the lottery and enrollment. Currently, she is 50 students short of a full school. They have outreached through door hangers, yard signs, fliers placed in Hill AFB’s “new-comers packet”, gave current students tours of the junior high, and will also be participating in a parade.
 - Syracuse Arts Academy would also like to host an Open House and hire a performance group.
- I ➤ Jan presented the parent survey on customer service. March was 9.6 out of 10, and April is 7.8 out of 10. April has a total of 10 responses. Jan reviews the comments and feedback with the front office staff.
- I ➤ Jan reported on the \$18,000 she will receive from the School Land Trust Fund for 2009-2010.
- D/A ➤ Jan has the complete junior high staffed, with the exception of a junior high art, music, and math teacher.
- D/A ➤ Jan is recommending the board approve the Bullying and Hazing Policy. It’s tough, it’s strict, it’s in compliance with the state law. Chris gave his support – there will be no question from day one what the expectation will be of the students, particularly the junior high students.
- I ➤ Chris expressed his appreciation of service for Dave Hall and Charlene Nelson.
- I/A ➤ Introduce new Board Members – Chris

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