



Syracuse Arts Academy Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 1, 2011

Place: Syracuse Arts Academy Jr. High Auditorium, 2965 W. 1700 S., Syracuse, UT 84075

In Attendance: Dawn Kawaguchi (AW), Jan Whimpey (Jr. High), Judy Nixon (Elementary), Jerrad Pullum, Bryan DeGrange, Teresa Peacock, Nate Schow, Cameron Almond, Julie Neilson (Asst. Principal), Gavin Hutchinson (AW), and Kim Dohrer (AW)

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

Minutes

6:07 PM – Call to Order

- Welcome by Cameron Almond
- **“Traditions”**
 - Student Report – Kylie Harris, SB President
 - ✓ Morning announcements with themes
 - ★ Words of Wisdom
 - ★ Principal’s Principle – Optimism
 - ✓ The theme for this year is “Don’t Stop Believing”
 - ✓ Working on a Halloween Spook Alley
 - Board Presentation – Cameron publically thanked Brittani Brown on behalf of the entire board for her service on the board of directors for the past three years. She has been a great asset because of her educational background.
 - **Professional Development**
 - ✓ Dress Code Policy Review – Jan and Judy reviewed the Dress Code Policy since this has been a hot topic at the school this year. The administration did some role playing on a day at SAA with the dress code. There was discussion regarding hair color. There is much more order when the dress code policy is followed.
 - ✓ Policy vs. Procedure – Kim explained that policies set the parameter and the procedures and guidelines are the best practices that the administration carries out. Procedures do not have to be approved by the board. The administration should keep the board apprised of the guidelines.

CONSENT ITEMS

- New Hires – Jan and Judy briefly reviewed the new hires. Jerrad Pullum made a motion to ratify the new hires. Teresa Peacock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Nate Schow made a motion to approve the remainder of the CONSENT ITEMS. Jerrad Pullum seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve June 15, 2011 Annual Board Meeting Minutes
- Accept June 15, 2011 Closed Session Affidavit
- Approve July 17, 2011 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes
- Ratify the purchase of summer cheerleading camp for SAA students in the amount of \$5,137 (*Jan wanted the board to know that the cheerleaders raised the money for their camp. They gave the money to the school and the school wrote the check.*)
- Approve August 5-6, 2011 Board Retreat Minutes
- Accept August 6, 2011 Closed Session Affidavit

BUSINESS ITEMS - (To Be Discussed and/or Voted Upon)

- Accept Brittani Brown's Resignation – Cameron stated that Brittani has tenured her resignation. Teresa Peacock made a motion to accept the resignation of Brittani Brown. Bryan DeGrange seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discuss and Vote on the Concussion and Head Injury Policy – Jan reviewed the Concussion and Head Injury Policy. The legislature passed House Bill 204 that requires all schools to have a concussion and head injury policy. Staff members must be trained. Jerrad asked what the procedure is if a parent volunteer is teaching the PE. Jan stated that the teacher is still in charge and responsible for what goes on. Jan also mentioned that the legislature will be clarifying what they want and will be putting in some strict guidelines at the next session. There was discussion on the training for the teachers. Coach Donaldson is trained and will be doing training at next staff meeting for both buildings. Cross country parents have already signed the Concussion and Head Injury Acknowledgement. Jerrad Pullum made a motion to approve the Concussion and Head Injury Policy. Teresa Peacock seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

- **Principal Report**
 - **K-4** by *Judy Nixon*
 - ✓ Dr. Cindy Jones one-day professional development
 - ✓ AW trained the teachers on the new grading system
 - ✓ Back to School Night
 - ✓ Choir already starting – will have concert in November
 - ✓ Theatre in the Box by Deanna Gardner
 - ✓ Literacy Groups
 - ✓ Reading assessments
 - ✓ 522 students in elementary
 - **5-9** by *Jan Wimpey*
 - ✓ Great first two weeks
 - ✓ New security doors and enclosed the office
 - ✓ 160 more students being served lunch by bringing the 5th-6th grades
 - ✓ We are running four concurrent lunches
 - ✓ Adding salad bar
 - ✓ Career Day for all Jr. High

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- ✓ High School Day
- ✓ Reality Town Day
- ✓ New after school program “On Track” – by invitation only
- ✓ Cross country off to a great start – we will be hosting two meets
- ✓ Cheerleaders and Student Body Officers are very involved with all activities
- **Enrollment Numbers**
 - ✓ Currently at 1014 but would like to be at 1025
 - ✓ We will draw in our elementary

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items for Discussion Only)

- Calendaring Items – Cameron (5 minutes)
 - Next Board Meeting is October 6th
 - Upcoming Events
 - ✓ State Board meeting is September 9th
 - ✓ Discussion a date of a State of the School
 - ★ October 26th before the band concert @ 5:30 p.m. in the elementary

There was PUBLIC COMMENT made by Evon Waters, Meranda Waters, Gretchen Burch, and Aubry Lister. Jamie McGearly withdrew from commenting.

7:13 PM Nate Schow made a motion to ADJOURN. Byran DeGrange seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (Duration 1:07:08)