

Weber State University Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
April 5, 2016

Attendees: Bonnie Hofland, Camie Bearden, Brittany Goddard, Jackie Shafer, Vince Bates, Letitia Teneau-Sword, Sheila Anderson, Janine Utley, Kylie Peterson, Jami Daly, Royce Van Tassel, Morris Haggerty

1. Call to order
 - a. B. Hofland – Welcome Morris Haggerty, he is the new Assistant Attorney General for the University. Morris will attend the August board meeting to go over laws and rules for incoming board members.
2. Consent Items
 - a. March 1, 2016 Minutes – No quorum. Will approve in May meeting.
3. Ends
 - a. Executive Summary – C. Bearden – Everything is going well. Both sessions for next year are still full and have seven on the waitlist. There was 100% attendance at the last parent teacher conference. The charter will be having a field day on May 25th in the afternoon. Due to there not being any University classes, parents will be running the activities. Family involvement has been good with parents helping in the classroom.
 - b. Video with Dale Payne – B. Hofland – Dale and his intern have made a video and taken pictures to help with marketing the Charter. Dale will present video at May board meeting.
 - c. Principal Support – C. Bearden – No additional support needed at this time.
4. Limitations
 - a. Financial Report March- B. Hofland - C. Smith sent emailed update – Charter is continuing on budget, need to continue to watch spending through the end of the year. C. Bearden – Critical funds for Special Ed was approved, will be approximately \$14,000, funds can be rolled over from year to year. B. Hofland would like funds to be used for a Special ED assistant for next year.
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. Executive Committee- B. Hofland – Has put in her resignation and will be relocating to Nevada. The Dean will choose the new chair for the board. The lottery guidelines need to be revised to clarify the lottery process and placement preferences. R. Van Tassel commented that per state law preference cannot be given to children of the Children’s School.
 1. Matriculation Agreement – B. Hofland would like Morris to look over agreement to ensure we are within our limits. DaVinci’s board would like siblings to be considered for Children’s School. B. Hofland and C. Bearden met with Child and Family Studies to see if they would want to open spots for DaVinci children/siblings in the Children’s School. Child and Family Studies will discuss this and make a decision. V. Bates asked if he should still pursue an agreement with Syracuse Arts. C. Bearden – Commented that it would be a good idea for the families in Davis County. Vince will continue to work on an agreement with Syracuse Arts.
 - ii. Family Involvement Committee- Kylie (Parent) – Nothing to report
 - iii. Academic Excellence Committee- Bonnie (Special Ed)

- iv. Governance Committee- Sheila (Secretary)
 - 1. Accreditation – S. Anderson – Gave overview of pros and cons of continuing with NAEYC accreditation. Asked if there were any additions to either list. Suggestion of adding to pros list – Community knowledge of early education quality standards. Accreditation tends to increase staff supports, health and safety environment, and family engagement. Data from family survey and classroom observation came back very positive and suggests the Charter currently meets many of the criteria. V. Bates asked about financial costs that would need to be considered in addition to annual accreditation fees. Accreditation would require additional staff time and perhaps a student assistant. C. Bearden –would like to incorporate electronic portfolios for the classroom and program portfolios needed for accreditation- which requires yearly fee. Some policies/procedures developed for the Children’s School accreditation may be able to be adapted which would reduce the work load. . Child and Family Studies Children’s School committee can provide support for accreditation. V. Bates suggested requesting partial accreditation funding from the Child and Family Studies department. B. Hofland would like to take a straw poll to see the support of pursuing NAEYC- 6- In favor, 1- undecided. Governance Committee will create budget to present at next meeting. NAEYC website link <https://www.naeyc.org/academy/> for further information.
 - v. Finance Committee- Chad (Treasurer) - Not present
 - vi. Resource Development Committee – Sarah (Community Member) – not present
 - vii. Technology Committee- Wei (Vice Chair) – On sabbatical.

5. Assessment and Development- Progress

- a. Priority of Tasks for Charter in 2015-2016
 - i. Curriculum and Branding (What makes us unique?)
 - ii. Weber State Partnerships/ Activities/ Involvement
 - iii. NAEYC Accreditation
 - iv. Partnerships with established Charters

6. Open Public Comment- Royce Van Tassel- Representing the Utah Association of public charter Schools. Discussed the upcoming changes from the latest legislative session- estimated increase in per student funding. Notified us of upcoming administrator trainings.

- a. Sign-up sheet available prior to the board meeting

7. Other Business/ Items

- a. Other items for next board meeting? Committee dates of meetings?

8. Next Meeting

- a. May 3, 2016 5:00-6:30
- b. Future Meeting Dates: June 7, July 5, Aug. 2 (Quorum 7 members)

9. Adjournment


Sheila Anderson, Secretary