

REAL SALT LAKE ACADEMY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

06/03/2021

Attendees: Ryan Marchant, Grant Stock, Darrell Robinson, Tony Beltran

Absentees: Marilyn Richards

AGENDA:

FY2022 TSSA Plan- Updated and final approval. \$90,000 TSSA funding for teacher and student success framework. Must be applied for every year. The school's goal was to improve academic achievement. 40% or \$36,000 can be used to teacher wages and benefits. We have used it for wages to retain teachers which increases their benefits as well. The additional 60% or \$54,000 which this last year was spent on approved framework, the approved remodel and picked up additional Chromebooks which was about \$25,000 of that. As well as audio enhancement for IT in the classrooms, security cameras and hiring an IT group to help with IT.

APPROVALS: Contingent upon Marilyn's Approval. Propose that the updated plan as described is accepted.

MOTION: Darrell Robinson made the motion, and Tony Beltran seconds the motion.

VOTED YES: Darrell Robinson, Tony Beltran, Marilyn Richards

FY2023 TSSA Plan- Same thing, same framework but funding was increased to \$105,000 for FY2023. We will use 40% or \$42,000 to use for teachers' wages and salaries. Which contracts have already been done and that amount has already been met. \$60,000 (\$63,00) will be spent on Chromebooks and within this framework. Propose that we do it within this proposal.

APPROVALS: Grant gave approval for this funding. If any changes are needed will have board approve. Grant assured that they are staying up on their technology per question from Darrell. Highly dependent on Chromebooks for Friday schedules.

MOTION: Darrell Robinson – Tentatively approve 2023 approval as outlined, subject to Marilyn or another board member approval. Seconded by Tony Beltran.

VOTED YES: Darrell Robinson, Tony Beltran, Marilyn Richards (Can also be approved in the next board meeting, later this month, more members to vote for it.)

Darrell motioned to take this item off of today's agenda and Tony Beltran second it.

2023 School Fees-

NWA Scores-

Grant Stock brought up that this has already been approved, however a change has been made. 25 kids proposed that a baseball team is put together. These are kids that struggle within our school and this would be a great effort for inclusion. Another item is the NWA scores. We have low test scores, but we cannot help what level the kids come into the school at. But what we do with them once we get them, we are above national average (5-7x growth level than across the nation) Growth is not a measure. Darrell proposes that Ben Jameson be invited to the next board meeting to determine what is done at a district level and at a charter level and what can be included in our report. Make academic growth the shining star of the school in accountability piece.

APPROVALS:

MOTION:

Principals Report- Academics, our composite on the ACT is an 18. We are low on our proficiency levels. We introduced a new reading and math program, and the NWA scores show that it had a profound effect on those scores. Darrell mentioned to consider an ACT prep class. Grant assured that they offer one but are trying to find time in the day for Juniors to go to ACT prep class which will be moved to earlier in the year, like January to help prepare for ACT. Darrell questioned the ASPIRE test in 10th grade that would help prep for ACT going into Junior year. Colleges have suspended ACT due to COVID and may not bring it back, but some colleges may want this score. Grant wants to improve the scores.

Board Members: We know we would like to bring on a couple of board members. Tony representing the Real side, for our charter, we have two seats. The last one to be on it was Jake, he left a while ago. Tony has a good candidate, Roxy Luna, academy director. She has supported all pursuits. She would be strategically positioned to be a worthy member of this board. Invite her to the next meeting and ask her to submit her resume to be posted. Next meeting this month sometime. Darrell wants board meetings scheduled thru the year and then just make small adjustments and will help us all stay on track. Grant recommended a parent that was suggested in faculty meeting, will reach out. Have a formal nomination in the next meeting. Make sure we focus on how the academy helps RSL as well as the Jordan School district. What are we doing to help them? Future topic. Let both entities know that this is a unique charter school. RSLs support from the Jordan school district has been phenomenal. Let's return that favor. COVID has thrown that off. Tony speaking on behalf of the new ownership group, is very interested in supporting the school academics, program and success. Plan a meeting to all sit down to build relationship. Scott Grace has met Ryan and Grant and he will be here in July to schedule then. Tony happy to facilitate that. Date for the next meeting and next meeting to propose the days for the 4 meetings for next year, quarterly meetings on the calendar. Ryan proposed week of the 13th or 27th, Grant suggested the 27th. Ryan, 28th? Darrell approved 28th. Time 2:00. Tony and Darrell agree. Ryan will send formal invite, check with Marilyn and make sure. 28th at 2:00. New members join us even if by phone.

APPROVALS: Next board meeting, new board members.

MOTION: Motion to adjourn Darrell. Second by Tony Beltran.

VOTED YES: Darrell Robinson, Tony Beltran.