

Carbon Valley Academy Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2005

Called to Order at 6:32 p.m.

Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Attendees:

Board Members – Anne-Marie Nichols, Monique Miller, Stephanie Kajcienski, and Tony Carey (Liz Alvarez – absent)

Principal – Chad Auer

Visitors – Terry Gogerty (SchoolStart), Lisa Sigafos

Motions Approved:

1-Approval of meeting minutes for 11/21/05

Moved by Tony, seconded by Steph

Votes: AM – yes, Monique – yes, Liz – absent, Stephanie – yes, Tony – yes

2-Approval of Consent Agenda

- Facility Rental Policy

Moved by Tony, seconded by Steph

Votes: AM – yes, Monique – yes, Liz – absent, Stephanie – yes, Tony – yes

Changes to the Agenda:

- Facilities Update by Tony Carey
- Alternative Funding Presentation by Chad Auer

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- none

Recognition Thank Yous:

- Susan Epps for her hard work on the hand wall mural, the lost and found, and the recycling program

Reports:

Financial Update – Bart Skidmore

- Budget reviewed by the board.
- Bart discussed the issues with SIMMS (the SVVSD's financial reporting program) in reporting financials in a way that is accurate and understandable as well as getting usable reports from their system.
- Bart is working with Linda Klos to make sure that items are being charged to the correct accounts and funds.
- CVA has a positive cash flow. We are in terrific shape, especially for the first year of operation.
- SVVSD still has not put CVA at the proper (higher) per funded pupil head count. This should hopefully be reconciled by January 2006.
- CVA should be receiving \$150,000 to \$155,000 from the State of Colorado for capital expenses. This will be put towards the lease and construction.

Facilities Update – Tony Carey

- He is working on the 2006 construction plans:
 - A purchase of three RTUs
 - A back stair is not needed. We may want to do a fire escape instead. Haselden will create an estimate and drawing for this.

New Business:

Fundraising Perceptions and Expectations – Stephanie Kajcienski

- Some parents do not understand why we need to raise money if we're a public school. However, all public schools do some sort of fundraising.
- Some parents would like to give a one-time donation instead of being bothered all the time with requests. We will consider this option in the future.
- There has been a request for a "town hall" type meeting to discuss fundraising. The board asks that parents with such concerns come to a board meeting, ask to be put on the agenda, or address the

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board during the "Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items" part of the meeting. Parents can also come to the principal's "Coffee Talk" meetings in his office every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. to discuss this as well. Chad will also address this in a future newsletter about how charter schools do not receive building funds, etc. and that fundraising is for the extras, like field trips, library books, etc.

Board Retreat

- The board will attend a retreat (offsite study session meeting) at the Cattail Creek Inn, 2665 Abarr Drive in Loveland on January 13 and 14.
- The board will review the charter application, contract with the school district, and bylaw documents the evening of January 13. (Tony – contract, Chad – charter application, Monique – bylaws)
- The board will create a future roadmap and strategic plan on January 14.

Alternative Funding Presentation – Chad Auer

- The board was presented with some ideas on alternative funding streams for the school.

Next Board Meeting – January 9, 2006