

# CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

## AUGUST 6, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

### I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:32pm, Mike Thomas called the August 6, 2014 Chaparral Star Academy Board Meeting to order.

- 1.) Board Members present: Mike Thomas, Ryan Palm, Kelly Drake, Mike Wallace
- 2.) Attendees were: Marsha Hagin, Kris Barnett, Allyson Fox, Kris Alonso

### II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

### III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) *Ryan Palm moved to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2014 meeting, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were four votes in favor with no abstentions. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.*

B.) Marsha Hagin announced that there were 381 students currently on the roster for the beginning of the 2014-15 school year, with a majority of families having been contacted already. She added that last year at this point, the school started with 386 on the roster and ended the year with 365.

C.) Kelly Drake announced that the current balance in the school's checking account was \$347,539.02, with a corresponding savings account of \$185,063.03. Kelly Drake stated that these amounts reflect the payment for the tablets.

D.) *Mike Wallace moved to approve the proposed budget amendments, followed by a second motion from Mike Thomas. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion was passed and the amendments were approved.*

E.) There were no field trips to announce.

F.) At 6:41pm, according to TAC §551.074, the board moved to executive session to deliberate personnel matters. Executive session ended at 7:07pm.

G.) Kelly Drake stated that the FIRST report is a financial rating that looks at a variety of indicators. Chaparral Star Academy scored 59 points out of 65 giving the school an above standard rating. Kelly Drake stated that the school lost points because there is no investment that will give yield a return.

H.) Marsha Hagin explained the distributed chart of recent AP scores in comparison to previous years. Mike Thomas noted that there are some red flags, especially in regard to the Chemistry results. He added that he would like to see action plan to change increase the scores on the Chemistry and US History exams.

I.) *Ryan Palm moved to approve applying for a new credit card through Wells Fargo (cancelling old one through Compass Bank) for Marsha Hagin and Kelly Drake, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were four votes in favor with no abstentions. The motion passed and the new credit card application was approved.*

J.) *Kelly Drake approved the application for Off-Campus Physical Activity Programs Approval Request, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the approval request was approved.*

K.) Marsha Hagin stated that Howard Davis spent many overtime hours during the summer to prepare for the launch of the ASUS tablets and requested a summer stipend for his work. *Ryan Palm moved to approve a summer stipend for \$1,000 for Howard Davis, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the stipend was approved.*

L.) Marsha Hagin handed out updated information with regard to open enrollment procedures. She added that she consulted with an attorney who stated the reason for the verbiage in question was due to a Dallas school that needed the specific wording. *Ryan Palm moved to approve the preference for employee children during open enrollment, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the preference was approved.*

M.) Marsha Hagin announced that the PTSO donated \$1300 for school improvement, for which the school used to paint the crest and the mascot logo on the walls. Additionally, she added that the MPR flooring is currently under construction and science lab tables were being purchased.

N.) Howard Davis gave the board an update on the school's current technology situation. He stated that the first set of tablets have been inventoried, student e-mails have been set up, Lightspeed has been installed, wireless access points have been set up, and a VLAN has been created just for tablets, guests and cameras.

O.) *Ryan Palm moved to approve the annual budget, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the budget was approved.*

#### IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Mike Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.