

CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

AUGUST 7, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:31pm, Mike Thomas called the August 7, 2013 Chaparral Star Academy Board Meeting to order.

1.) Board Members present: Mike Thomas, Ryan Palm, Kelly Drake

2.) Attendees were: Marsha Hagin, Kris Barnett, Allyson Fox, Jennifer Benavides, Howard Davis, David Reece, Jack Shanks, Mike G. Wallace, Mana Greenwell, Chris Long, Christy Nunnally, Adam Cutts

II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none

III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) There were no minutes from previous meetings to approve.

B.) Marsha Hagin announced that the school had 377 students enrolled for 2013-14. Mike Thomas asked if rosters were full K-8th grade. Marsha Hagin stated no, but added that there are waitlists.

C.) Kelly Drake stated that the current balance for the school's checking account was \$238,391.01 with the corresponding savings account at \$100,022.57.

D.) *Ryan Palm moved to approve the proposed budget amendments, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were three votes in favor passed, with no abstentions. The motion passed and the budget amendments were approved.*

E.) Marsha Hagin stated that there were no field trips planned for the month of August.

F.) G.) & H.) According to TAC §551.074, §551.072, §551.0821, the board moved to executive session to deliberate personnel matters, real property issues and personally identifiable information about a public school student at 6:38pm. The board re-convened in open session at 9:29pm.

I.) *Ryan Palm moved to approve Mike Wallace as a new board member, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were three votes in favor passed, with no abstentions. The motion passed and Mike Wallace filled a vacant board member position and become an at-large board member.*

J.) Due to structural & supervision constraints, Marsha Hagin announced that the school could not allow students to be exempt from PE during the school day. Ryan Palm stated that K – 3rd graders could use the daily playtime.

K.) The board tabled the discussion of the technology framework until a future meeting.

L.) The board stated that there is no change to the current GPA policy.

M.) Marsha Hagin presented a short video that explained eSpark and how its provided technology could improve education. She added that Jeff Shafer could pilot this program in 4th grade mathematics. Marsha Hagin presented a cost proposal for using eSpark and associated technology, including the purchase of iPads. Mike Thomas stated that he would love to see more information about the program before initiation.

N.) Marsha Hagin stated that there will be students who will be absent during the first few weeks of school due to previous engagements. She added that the school will be holding their spots.

O.) Marsha Hagin announced that each grade level can attend a maximum of 1 field trip per semester for a total of 2 per year. She added that each field trip will be approved to be educationally valid.

P.) Marsha Hagin announced that in order to focus on helping students succeed, a minimum of 10 entries in the gradebook for every course per cycle is now mandatory. Additionally, she added that a minimum of 5 entries in the gradebook for the mid-cycle IPR will clarify true progress at the mid-point. Marsha Hagin also announced that no one entry will weigh more than 15% of the grade and on major tests & assignments, a re-assessment with maximum grade of 75 will be offered. Mike Thomas stated that the new grading policy will give a more accurate portrayal of a student's progress at the midpoint of the cycle.

Q.) *Ryan Palm moved to approve the FY 2014 recommended budget, followed by a second motion from Mike Thomas. There were three votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the FY 2014 budget was approved.*

IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Mike Thomas adjourned the meeting at 10:03 pm.