

CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

FEBRUARY 5, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:30pm, Mike Thomas called the February 5, 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, Danette Rogers, Laura Smith, Christy Nunnally, Jeff Shafer, Denise Moss, Howard Davis

II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) *Ryan Palm moved to approve the minutes from both the January 8, 2014 & January 15, 2014 board meetings, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.*

B.) Marsha Hagin announced that the current school enrollment was at 358, which covered the period between January 7, 2014 and January 31, 2014 and carried an ADA of 96.04%, or 343.22 students.

C.) Kelly Drake announced that the current balance in the school's checking account was \$245,554.11 with a corresponding savings account of \$185,050.22.

D.) There were no budget amendments to approve.

E.) Marsha Hagin stated that there were no field trips during February.

F.) Marsha Hagin stated that the seniors would like to take a senior field trip to Six Flags in San Antonio. She added that the school has funded the transportation previously, and the current cost would be around \$950. *Mike Wallace approved the cost for funding the transportation for the senior field trip to Six Flags, followed by a second motion from Ryan Palm. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the funds were approved.*

G.) Kris Barnett gave a presentation to the board explaining House Bill 5 (HB5) and how it would impact the school. Mike Thomas stated that a good future conversation would be to determine what direction the high school should take.

H.) *Ryan Palm moved to approve the proposed 2014-15 school calendar, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the school calendar was approved.*

I.) Mike Thomas stated that he wanted to have the discussion of going with electronic version of textbooks for this upcoming adoption. The board discussed the issue, ultimately determining that

e-versions of textbooks is the direction they would like to see for the school. Howard Davis stated that there are numerous technology considerations if the school is to become e-book-based. Ryan Palm suggested passing a motion to adopt e-versions. Mike Wallace stated that he would feel better if he understood the financial consideration before making such a motion. Mike Thomas suggested that Howard Davis present a financial cost estimate of making this transition to a more technology-based school for the next board meeting. The approval of textbook adoption format was tabled until the next meeting.

J.) Mike Thomas stated that he thought the amount of books carried by students was too much and would like to see a solution to the problem. He added that e-books may help the situation. The approval of textbook storage was tabled until the next meeting.

K.) Jeff Shafer gave a presentation to the board explain the impact of the Chromebooks and the results of the pilot program thus far, stating that it has been a success.

L.) The approval for the IE2 Classroom Project was tabled until a future meeting.

M.) Marsha Hagin announced that the school received an award: the Texas Honors Circle Award. It is for being in the top 20% for academic progress while keeping spending down.

N.) *Kelly Drake approved the TEA Waiver for Missed Instructional Days due to Weather, followed by a second motion from Ryan Palm. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed as stated.*

O.) Marsha Hagin stated that with RtI requirements, securing outside tutors with school funds may help to increase student success. Mike Wallace stated that education majors would be a good group from which to choose. Mike Wallace stated that he would look into securing some tutors and would inform administration of his results.

P.) Danette Rogers informed the board of the need for better flooring in the MPR for safety concerns. Danette Rogers stated that Lex Simon had done some preliminary research into possible floor types and discussed the possibility of securing bids. *Ryan Palm moved to solicit bids for flooring options for the MPR, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed as stated.*

IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Mike Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.