

CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

JUNE 5, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:43pm, Mike Thomas called the June 5, 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, Denise Moss, Christy Nunnally, Amanda Borden, Tiffany Savener, Sheri & Jason Davis, Johanna Young, Danette Rogers, Dennis Rogers, Allyson Fox, Kris Alonso, Julie So, Mike Zawaideh, Consuelo Clarke, Cori Edwards, Diana Goetting, Howard Davis, Sherilyn West

II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Denise Moss gave a yearly recap of PTSO, which included the purchase of two bleachers and two bulletin boards. She added that the PTSO looks forward to providing funds for teachers and sponsoring more activities to build community.

Amanda Borden stated that she was thrilled with the academic and social progress of her child, but felt that, as a parent, she was not well-informed as to the reason that some teachers were not returning for the subsequent year. She added a concern about the dismantling of the school library, and the lack of reason given.

Jason Davis asked if he could get a copy of the board by-laws and stated his interest for running for a board position. He added his concern for the high turnover of teachers for the subsequent year, stating that it made him question why these teachers were let go when teachers seemed high quality.

Dennis Rogers thanked the board & administration for making the right decisions at all the right times. He added that, with the help of Mr. Lewellyn, the board has made many hard calls and believes they were the right calls.

Cory Edwards stated that it made zero sense why teachers who are loved by the children were let go for the subsequent school year. She added that she thought it was a bad decision and it should be re-evaluated.

III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) *Mike Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2013 board meeting, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were 3 votes in favor with no abstentions. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.*

B.) Marsha Hagin stated that the current enrollment was at 360 students for the period of April 22 – May 27, 2013, with a corresponding ADA at 349.52 or 96.94%.

C.) Kelly Drake stated that the current balance for the school's checking account was \$268,944.11, while the savings account balance was \$100,014.21. He added that the school still has a final construction payment approaching.

D.) There were no budget amendment items to approve.

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

F.) According to TAC 551.074, the board moved to executive session at 8:04 pm to deliberate personnel matters (resignations & employment). The board returned to open session at 8:51pm.

G.) Marsha Hagin handed out a bid from IE2 for building a sidewalk in the front of school that would connect an outside ramp to the front of school, complying with ADA policies. ***Ryan Palm moved to approve the sidewalk bid, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were 3 votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the IE2 sidewalk bid was approved.***

H.) Howard Davis stated that teacher computers and student computers in teacher rooms need to be upgraded. He added that there may be other options for future upgrading needs (e.g. possible portable lab). Mike Thomas stated that he would like to see more technology integrated into classrooms and requested a breakdown of the technology needs of the school. Howard Davis stated that he would also supply the board with a roadmap for the future of technology at the school.

I.) Marsha Hagin handed out the 2013 STAAR results for all grades and stated that there are a couple of areas that need some summer practice. Mike Thomas requested a side-by-side comparison to last year's results and added that he would like to see an increase in the level III percentages.

J.) Marsha Hagin discussed the history of GPA & class rank decisions, including a recent decision to only count only courses taken at the school. The board & administration discussed numerous possible scenarios and resulting consequences. Mike Thomas requested more information and a clear proposal for the next board meeting.

K.) Marsha Hagin explained the new grading policy for Kindergarten – 3rd grade proposal, which consists of a rubric that incorporates success on benchmarks to determine promotion. ***Ryan Palm moved to approve the new grading policy for Kindergarten – 3rd grade to determine grade promotion, followed by a second motion from Mike Thomas. There were 3 votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion was passed and new promotion guidelines for Kindergarten – 3rd grade were adopted.***

L.) Marsha Hagin announced that the dates for the 2013-14 Round-Up would be July 29th & 30th from 9am – 3pm.

M.) Mike Thomas stated that information regarding the new teachers for the 2013-14 school year would be placed on the school's website. ***Ryan Palm moved to approve the resignations & employment hires discussed in executive session, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were 3 votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion was passed as stated.***

IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Mike Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.