

# CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

## MARCH 5, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

### I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:30pm, Mike Thomas called the March 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, Frank Rivera, Allyson Fox, Howard Davis, Randi Cannon, Jason Cannon, Becky Cannon, Donnie Cannon, Consuelo Clarke, Alex Clarke, Lex Simon, Howard Davis, Mana Greenwell, Chris Long, Christy Nunnally

### II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

### III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) The motion to approve minutes from a previous meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

B.) Marsha Hagin announced that the current school enrollment was at 360, which covered the period between first two weeks of the current cycle (Feb 17 – 28<sup>th</sup>) and carried an ADA of 95.19%, or 340.50 students.

C.) Kelly Drake announced that the current balance in the school's checking account was \$237,537.21 with a corresponding savings account of \$185,054.48. Kelly Drake added that the bond payment is quarterly.

D.) There were no budget amendments to approve.

E.) Marsha Hagin stated that 11 students & 19 parents will travel to Spain for a 10 day tour later this month. She also added that on March 31, grade 5 will visit the library as a field trip.

F.) & G.) At 7:22pm, according to TAC §551.074 & §551.0821 the board moved to executive session to deliberate personnel matters & personally identifiable information about a public school student. The board moved back to open session at 7:43pm.

H.) The approval of textbook adoption format was tabled until the next board meeting.

I.) The approval of textbook storage was tabled until the next board meeting.

J.) The approval of the IE2 Classroom Completion Project was tabled until the next board meeting.

K.) Lex Simon presented some bids for mats to be used as flooring in the MPR. Lex Simon stated that one of the bids discussed permanent flooring and suggested that as a better option.

Mike Thomas questioned if this was a summer or weekend project. Marsha Hagin stated that taking down the fences can be done in-house. The board requested samples of the possible floorings and tabled the action item to approve mats for the MPR until the next board meeting.

L.) Howard Davis gave a presentation on the various aspects & changes necessary for the movement of a more electronic campus, including placing electronic and inter-accessible pads in the hands of every student for next year. The presentation included a proposal for a choice between two electronic pads (Nexus 7 and ASUS), an estimate cost for funding and suggestions for maintaining hardware. The board discussed financing options for this project, among funding others and determining the risk factor. Kelly Drake asked when the school would need a decision, to which Howard Davis replied that the end of April would be a good deadline if the board wanted this done for next year.

M.) Frank Rivera gave a presentation on the current competitive speech team at the school, which included the numerous benefits of forensics. He stated that in order to promote a stronger participation (and more successful students), he proposed the school providing funds to help students attend a summer camp to improve abilities. ***Mike Thomas moved to approve \$1,000 for the speech program to help students attend the summer camp, 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.***

N.) Kris Barnett announced that the NOSB squad took two teams to the regional tournament, and the teams ended up placing 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at the competition. He added that the head organization pays for the 1<sup>st</sup> place team to attend & compete at nationals. However, he added that there is budgeted money set aside to fund half of the cost for the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team to attend the trip as well. Kris Barnett handed out a projected cost analysis to inform the board of how the budgeted money will be spent. The board spoke with some of the students in attendance to determine the benefits of participation.

O.) Mike Wallace stated that he would like to discuss the school, its goals and its current place in the market to determine if that is the direction the board wants the school to pursue. Mike Thomas stated that he appreciated this being an agenda item and considered it a worthwhile discussion. Mike Thomas stated that a marketing plan for the school may be necessary. The approval of CSA goals was tabled until a future meeting.

P.) Marsha Hagin announced that on March 19, 2014 from 5 – 9, the board and the I-team will attend a training to create a quality framework to help determine strengths & weaknesses.

Q.) Mike Wallace stated that he approval of additional HB5 endorsements may come out of future training.

#### IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Mike Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm.