

CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

NOVEMBER 5, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:35pm, Mike Thomas called the November 5, 2014 Chaparral Star Academy Board Meeting to order.

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

2.) Attendees were: Marsha Hagin, Kris Barnett, Allyson Fox, Mana Greenwell, Frank Rivera, Brady Romero, Jocelyn Romero, Howard Davis, Chris Dayton

II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) *Mike Wallace moved to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2014 and September 3, 2014 board meetings, followed by a motion from Ryan Palm. There were 4 votes in favor passed not with no abstentions. The motion was passed and the minutes were approved.*

B.) Marsha Hagin announced that the current school enrollment was at 367, which covered the period between October 2, 2014 and October 23, 2014. This translates to an ADA of 95.59%, or 198 students, for track 1 and 96.30%, or 138.97 students, for track 2.

C.) Kelly Drake announced that the current balance in the school's checking account was \$315,465.30, with a corresponding savings account of \$185,081.74. Kelly Drake added that there were big expenses at the beginning of the year that impacted finances.

D.) There were no budget amendments to approve.

E.) Marsha Hagin stated that there was a field trip for 7th graders to attend the Renaissance Festival, but due to the weather, it was cancelled.

F.) & G.) At 6:39pm, according to TAC §551.074 & §551.0821, the governing board moved to executive session to discuss matters related to personnel and personally identifiable information regarding a public school student. The board moved back into open session at 7:09pm. At 7:49pm, according to TAC §551.074 & §551.0821, the governing board moved back to executive session to discuss matters related to personnel and personally identifiable information regarding a public school student. The board moved back into open session at 8:02pm.

H.) Howard Davis stated that only 3 tablets have been broken by students in the first couple of months of school. He added that there have been some technical difficulties, but nothing unexpected. Also, Howard Davis stated that teachers have been issued purchase orders to download apps for students. He added that the new servers are up and running, along with the additional ISP's.

I.) Marsha Hagin stated that the current Unexcused Absences Procedures & Policy will suffice.

J.) Marsha Hagin handed out the proposed truancy procedure, adding that the school needs documentation on the procedure. ***Ryan Palm moved to approve the Truancy Procedure, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were 4 votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion was passed and the truancy procedure was approved.***

K.) Marsha Hagin handed out the Campus Improvement Plan, which she added was approved by the Implementation Team. ***Mike Wallace moved to approve the CIP, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were 4 votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion was passed and the CIP was approved.***

L.) Jocelyn Romero stated that she would like the board to reconsider the current GPA/Class Rank procedure with specific focus on transfer students. She handed out recommendations from the National Association of Secondary School Principals with highlighted sections specific to her recommendations. She stated that her son was no longer the top-ranked senior because of a transfer student who was new to the school for his/her senior year. Jocelyn Romero requested that the board retroactively change the GPA/Class Rank procedure. She stated that allowing transfer students to incorporate previously-taken weighted courses, such as Pre-AP courses (which CSA students did and do not have the opportunity to take) into the transfer GPA puts CSA students at a disadvantage. Mike Thomas stated a policy shouldn't put the transfer student at a disadvantage either. Jocelyn Romero stated that the policy should be a course-for-course comparison, to which Ryan Palm stated would not be exact either. The board stated that no action would currently be taken to retro-actively change the current GPA/Class Rank policy, but would take all statements under advisement for possible future change.

M.) Marsha Hagin stated that there is a discrepancy in policy and procedure with regard to the process for approving an agenda item. The board requested that administration draft a proposal for the next board meeting.

IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Mike Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.