

CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:33pm, Ryan Palm called the September 10, 2015 Chaparral Star Academy Board Meeting to order.

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

2.) Attendees were: Marsha Hagin, Kris Barnett, Sharon Little, Stephen James, Bridget James, Matteo James, Zane James, Amy Briscoe-Eagle, Aryn van Steijn, Mana Greenwell, Frank Rivera, Nicole Plascenia, Manuel Rivera

II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

III.) ACTION ITEMS

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

B.) Marsha Hagin state that the current enrollment was at 354 students, with a total ADA over all 4 tracks at 98.45%, corresponding to 339.83 students.

C.) Kelly Drake announced that there was \$355,485.52 in the school's checking account with \$285,137.39 in its savings account.

D.) There were no budget amendments to approve.

E.) There were no field trips to announce.

F.) & G.) At 6:38pm, according to TAC §551.074, the governing board moved to executive session to discuss matters related to personnel. The board moved back into open session at 6:45pm.

H.) Nicole Plascenia from KEYE news delivered a presentation on options for advertising the school with the company. She provided a digital solutions overview, which included presence management and social media options.

I.) Marsha Hagin stated that Aryn van Steijn has been busily conducting community outreach to determine what they like and what they don't like. Aryn van Steijn proposed the school open a facebook page as another outlet for information, including school closures, school events, holidays, etc. She did add that all comments would have to be approved before posting and she would stand as the administrator. ***Ryan Palm moved to approve the opening of a school Facebook page, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were 3 votes in favor and one abstention. The vote passed and a school Facebook page was approved.***

J.) Marsha Hagin presented the updated STAAR scores, which included the math for grades 3-8.

K.) Marsha Hagin presented the school's 2015 Accountability rating as Met Standard. She added a description of the different indicators which displayed a strong performance by Chaparral Star Academy. Marsha Hagin added that she would like to improve in the area of student progress, however.

L.) Marsha Hagin stated that recent legislation requires districts to adopt a policy banning the use of e-cigarettes. She handed out a proposal in compliance. ***Mike Wallace moved to approve the e-cigarette policy, follow by a second motion from Ryan Palm. There were 4 votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the e-cigarette policy was adopted.***

M.) Kris Barnett handed out a proposal for converting AP & CLEP exams to high school graduation credit. ***Mike Wallace moved to approve the AP & CLEP Exam Score Conversion policy, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the conversion policy was approved.***

N.) Frank Rivera proposed a 2015-16 speech team budget, which included van rentals, entry fees, hotel costs for out-of-town tournaments, etc. ***Ryan Palm moved to approve \$20,000 plus the amount allocated to the NOSB team attending the national tournament for the 2015-16 speech team budget, followed by a second motion from Carolyn Isbell. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the 2015-16 speech team budget was approved.***

O.) The approval of the CSA Contribution to the Texas State Forensic tournament was not discussed.

P.) ***Ryan Palm moved to approve the purchase of an additional automated external defibrillator (AEP) for use in the MPR, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were for votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the purchase of an additional AEP was approved.***

Q.) Mike Wallace stated that the school may need to place money in securities if the amount in the bank goes over FDIC limits. The action item of "approval of depository contract process" was tabled until next meeting.

R.) Marsha Hagin announced that teachers will be viewing online professional development through EduHero. She added that they could earn an extra personal day.

S.) Kris Barnett handed out an annual description of the effectiveness of the accelerated instruction program at Chaparral Star Academy.

IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Kelly Drake adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.