

American Leadership Academy



Board of Trustees Public Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2007

7:30 p.m.

Administration Building

- Call to Order:** Chairman, Dr. Hogenson at 7:37 p.m.
- Spiritual Thought:** Mike Hess
- Attendees:** Chairman, Dr. Hogenson, Dr. Warren Peterson, Mike Hess, Jan Searle, Krystin Morley, Ann Marie Mair, Vickie Peterson and Shelina Way
- Director Rob Muhlestein, Kalin Hall
- Public: Roll attached.
- Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes from March 1, 2007 adopted by unanimous vote of the full Board.
- Items of Business:**
- Kindergarten Lottery:**
Full Day Kindergarten thirteen names drawn.
Morning Kindergarten six names drawn.
Open Lottery ten names were drawn.
Names of students are attached to the minutes.
- Trust Land Funds:**
\$54,652 will be awarded to ALA from trust land funds.
These funds will be used for Core Knowledge books, part time employees to help implement core knowledge, Shurley Grammar books and calculators.
The issue was brought before the public meeting to ratify signatures for the planned use of funds. The motion to ratify the signatures was made by Dr. Peterson and seconded by Mike Hess. Ratified by unanimous vote of the full Board.

Policy to set the date of Parent Council Two year Board of Trustee Election:

The Board of Trustee election of the Parent Council two year term members will be in the month of May and commencement of office June 1st. The policy includes provisions if the candidate is unable to fulfill entire term of office. The Board of Trustees with assistance from the Parent Council will appoint a replacement. The appointee may only fill the remaining time left of the term of the resigning Trustee. They may become a candidate in the next election. They must be elected by majority of the Parent Council members to become a trustee. The policy is attached to the minutes. A vote of the Board was taken. The vote was unanimous in favor. All board members voted. The policy was adopted.

Release of Student Directory Information (FERPA):

Dr. Hogenson read a statement about the release of student information. This statement is attached to the minutes. Student's name address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, dates of attendance, grade level enrolment status, participation in official recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, and the most recent educational agency or institution attended. May be released and is considered Directory information. If parents do not want their student directory information to be released they must contact the school to opt out. Dr. Hogenson will email Johnny Williams to have the statement posted on the website for parents to read.

Parent Council Report:

Vickie Peterson Parent Council president reports that there are two candidates running for the two year term Board of Trustee position, Keith Crandall and Joseph Curtin. Their Bio's will be posted on the web. No candidates as of yet for the position of Parent Council Pres-Elect. PC Bylaws were amended successfully in tonight's Parent Council meeting.

Public Comment:

Reed Harrison expressed concerns of having only one librarian. There is a need to have another librarian to help with the work load. Mr. Harrison suggests maybe considering students to have training so that they may help in the library. They could qualify and help to catalog books and set up the library. This could be an elective class or have the student teachers aids work in the library

Mandy Marie Eldredge: Volunteers that work in the library need to be paid. It is a lot of tedious work that needs to be done. There are thousands of books that need processing. Each book takes about 5-7 minutes to catalog.

If students work in the library they need to be trained so that the work does not have to be re-done. She would be willing to supervise students. We really need another librarian. We may be able to offer summer time training and help.

Reed Harrison: Books that were not cataloged have been lost. We must be able to track the books. Out of 125 books 25 were lost.

Mike Hess we need to make sure we have a back up data file on the books.

Rob Muhlestien Librarians have to be certified. We have been unable to find certified librarians. They need to have MLS degrees.

Mandy Marie Eldredge: Has requested volunteers but no help. There is always something to do in the library.

Rob Muhlestien We may be able to hire someone part time.

Dr. Peterson: Stated this is an administrative issue. They may need a committee to help.

Pat Parkinson: Wanted to know how the school is doing?

Rob Muhlestien: We have had challenges with Directors leaving before the year has finished. We are going to hire Paul Carpenter for Assistant Elementary Director to take Mrs. Harrison's place. He has good qualifications and experience.

We are in need of more Core Knowledge books.

Enrollment looks good we have just had the kindergarten lottery. There are a couple of spots open from students not coming back. We have openings in the Junior and Senior grades. Students are starting to jell and they feel like this is their school.

We have the Aladdin presentation coming next week.
Our sports teams are doing well.

We will be moving the 6th grade back into the elementary school.

CRT testing will be the first of May, please make sure your children are in school that week.

We are deciding the school calendar and would like to ask if you prefer not coming back to school after Memorial Day. Most parents said they would not like to come back after Memorial Day. Then we would have to start school earlier than Nebo school district.

Mrs. Peterson: Stated we have excellent coaches, she is concerned they do not have contracts. The problem with this is they are not sure about things. They need to know if they are coming back so they may plan for practices.

She has concerns of the new bus not functioning well and needs maintenance. This is a safety concern.

There seems to be a lack of understanding of how to go about the purchase of equipment and the use of purchase orders.

She is concerned about not having enough bus drivers to drive the teams to events. She knows of parents that have CDL licenses that may volunteer to drive. Maybe we need to hire bus drivers.

We could do as we do on field trips, with having parents drive to games.

Mr. Hall: We are planning to have the coaches' test for CDL license so they could drive the buses.
There are no funds for transportation.

The Bus is scheduled to go in Friday for repairs.

Mr. Muhlestein: Budget for Athletics is \$130,000 about \$50,000 goes toward gas.
An option may be to raise fees.

Motion made by Dr. Warren Peterson to adjourn and move to closed session Krystin Morley seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.