

American Leadership Academy
Board of Trustees Public Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2006

I. Call to order

Chairman, Dr. Eric Hogenson called to order the regular meeting of the **American Leadership Board of Trustees** at **7:35 p.m.** on **December 7, 2006** in the **Administration Building, Room 132**.

II. Roll call

Vickie Peterson recorded roll. The following persons were present: Chairman, Dr. Eric Hogenson, Dr. Warren Peterson, Mike Hess, Jan Searle, AnnMarie Mair, Vickie Peterson, Krystin Morley and Director Rob Muhlestein.

Shelina Way was excused.

Parents of American Leadership Academy, roll attached

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Vickie Peterson sent minutes to each board member via email, Chairman; Dr. Hogensen made the motion to adopt the minutes from November 2, and November 27th meetings. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Assignment Report

- a) Mr. Muhlestein (Director) reported the assignment of having the curbs in the fire lanes of the school painted. He may have a student who will be earning his Eagle Scout do the project. However, the temperatures are too cold at present to paint. This project will be postponed until the temperatures are warmer.
- b) Mr. Muhlestein reported on the donation budget, and where those funds are used. Most of the funds have been used to rent school buses for field trips. The full report will be attached to the minutes.
- c) Vickie Peterson (Parent Council President) reported on the School Start times Survey. There have been 36 responses; only 5 have expressed a desire to change the start times. The survey will remain on website until December 31, for continued responses. The results will be reported in the January 4, 2007 Board of Trustees public meeting. The suggestion was made by Director Mr. Muhlestein that we may want to consider a survey of school end times.
- d) Vickie Peterson reported on the assignment of posting an accounting of parent donations on the website. She expressed the need for more time to gather the necessary information for posting.

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V. Items of business

Chairman's Message:

Dr. Hogenson stated the progress of the school is going well. The Board and Administration have been successful in putting out fires.

The Board now has the time to devote to scheduling Priority Weekly Work meetings in such a way that the Board may hear from teachers on a weekly basis, hearing about the curriculum, what the needs are and any concerns they may have.

Each week the board will devote time to the different areas. One of the areas will be Communication; Johnny Williams will be invited to give a report about the website. Some of the other topics are Building/Facilities, Dress Code report, and Student reports. Attached to the minutes is the Priority Work meeting schedule.

Parent Council:

Parent Council President Vickie Peterson reported the Fundraisers are going well. The Pizza/Cookie dough Fundraiser brought in \$8,765.00 the PC paid for the cookie dough and pizza the sum of \$4,356.00 making the total of earnings \$4,409.00. The funds will be used to purchase items that were approved in the April 2006 PC General Meeting for the elementary school.

The Book Fair funds will be used to place an automated bar code reader system in the Library. The Total for this fundraiser was not available. The estimated amount was about \$2,000.00.

The Gourmet Syrup Fundraiser is going slow; however, the PC has a booth at the Payson Christmas boutique to sell the syrup.

The Parent Council Executive Board voted on the PC Fundraising Policy which will be attached to the minutes for review.

Policy:

Administration in the absence of Policy.

Vickie Peterson read the policy.

Dr. Warren Peterson made the suggestion to add, Designee along with Director in the first paragraph. The second suggestion by Dr. Peterson was to finish the sentence in the third paragraph to read the policy will be brought before the board in a public meeting for a vote.

Vickie Peterson agreed to make the changes to the policy.

Motion made by Jan Searle to adopt the policy with the amended changes. Dr. Peterson seconded motion. A vote of the board was unanimous. The policy was adopted. The corrected policy will be attached to the minutes.

Comments/Questions from parents:

Ms. Eddington: Has concerns about school lunch not being balanced. Kids seem to always be hungry; she asked the question; is this governed by the state? Answer: Kids often do not eat everything on their plates. We are following state guidelines for lunches. We do not have funds to make lunches personal for each student.

Question: Who regulates the cost? Answer: Charter schools do not receive the same funding as the Public School system therefore cost is adjusted.

Ms. Buss: Has concerns with the cost of the Arts events. She expressed the cost are much too high for her family. Each ticket costs five dollars and that is a great deal of money for her family to spend.

The suggestion of a family pass was discussed. Dr. Warren Peterson stated that even if a Family Pass could be issued it would not cover extended family.

The issue of Students not being allowed to sing or play their instruments at events was discussed. The suggestion was to go to the teacher, if no results go to the department head, then to the Director; the final area to go to for help should be directed to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Hogenson stated with our weekly work meetings we will meet with department heads, they can make a report. The suggestion to organize a parent forum was made so parents could deal with issues raised by parents involving teachers.

Ms. Herron: Has a fundraising idea and wanted to know who she should contact about the idea. A Board member said there where many areas that are doing fundraising. Vickie Peterson explained the PC has a fundraiser Chairman, Israel Haroldson that could be contacted. His information is on the website, and the PC Fundraisers, are sponsored by the parents. Needed items for the school are suggested by the school coordinators, the directors and parents, and then voted on in the April PC General Meeting for approval of parents.

Jan Searle suggested she find an area that interests her and put forth the idea.

VI Adjournment

Chairman, Dr. Hogenson with a motion made by Jan Searle and seconded by Krystin Morley adjourned the public meeting at 8:20 p.m., and then a motion was made to move to a closed session. The vote was unanimous to close public meeting and move to a closed session.

Minutes submitted by: Vickie Peterson

Minutes approved by: