

American leadership Academy



Board of Trustees Public Meeting Minutes February 1, 2007 7:30 p.m. Administration Building, Room 132

- Call to Order:** Chairman, Dr. Hogenson called the meeting to order at 7:35.
- Spiritual Thought:** Dr. Warren Peterson
- Attendees:** Dr. Eric Hogenson, Dr. Warren Peterson, Ann Marie Mair Krystin Morley, Jan Searle, Vickie Peterson, Director Rob Muhlestein.
Parents of ALA roll attached.
Excused: Mike Hess Shelina Way
- Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes from January 4, 2007 adopted by unanimous vote of the Board.
- Items of Business:**
1. Mr. Allan Davis (Board Attorney) held annual training of the Board of Trustees members and expressed a need to review ALA Charter and documents that pertain to ALA. The authorization of Allan Davis to review charter and documents pertaining to ALA was given by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees. After the review he will report back to the Board of findings and the suggestion of policy.
 2. Spanish Fork/ALA Building use agreement. The documents were not available for board review. Therefore, this item of business was placed on hold until the documents can be reviewed by Board members.
 3. **Proposed Policy:** School Instruction and Human Sexuality policy attached to minutes. This policy is in compliance with state laws regarding the teaching of the portion of sex-education in the Health curriculum. A committee of parents will be formed to review instructional material. Parents will sign an opt in statement for their student to attend the sex-ed portion of the Health curriculum. Public

discussion was positive; parents in attendance were in agreement with the policy. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor of adoption of the policy.

4. **Financial Report:** Director, Rob Muhlestein presented a financial report. A copy of the report will be attached to the minutes.

Parent Council Report:

Vickie Peterson, Parent Council President reported concerns parents have with the cost of choir clothing for concerts being too high. Parents felt that the fee of \$180 for tuxedos and a formal dress was quite high.

Parents would like for the choir and drama departments to report their parent donation budgets to the Parent Council. This may be done in a monthly Parent Council General meeting.

Parents wanted to know if they could use volunteer hours equated into a certain dollar amount and put toward the school fees that they felt was too high.

Maryanne Evans a parent, suggested this option, she has three students here at ALA and has paid \$600 in student fees.

It is time for the Parent Council Bylaws to be reviewed by American Leadership Academy parents for changes and revisions; this need is to be done before the April 5th 2007 meeting. In the April 5th meeting of the Parent Council, there will be a vote to accept or oppose the proposals for changes and revisions.

Vickie reminded the Board and the Parents that it is almost time for the election of a new President- Elect for the Parent Council. She suggested that the Board of Trustees amend their Bylaws to state that the election for a two year term Board of Trustee member be changed from the September Board of Trustee meeting to the May PC meeting. The Board agreed. Vickie will right the proposal to amend.

Questions/Comments:

Director Rob Mulhstein asked the parents to follow legislation being introduced at the state legislature concerning Charter Schools. One in particular deals with property tax dollars that will follow students.

Parents brought concerns about the cost of Choir participation. It was reported that many extracurricular activities cost are extra. Drill team \$600 cheerleading \$600

Choir \$100 Boys Choir \$100.

Dr. Warren Peterson responded if you choose an extracurricular class, you should expect there is a fee.

Rob Muhlestein said concert choir does not take try outs it is a regular class. If students cannot pay then we are responsible for fee waiver.

Amy Cloud, a parent, said all choirs that compete have required concert attire.

Mr. Duffin, choir director, said that he has students that really want to perform and those who are not as passionate about choir. He wants direction from the board whether to keep the \$180 fee for choir attire. The clothing the students pay for will be theirs, any rental of items will belong to the school.

Mrs. Peterson, a parent, said fees are clear to her understanding. She said if fees are understood in the beginning then you decide if you can afford to take the class or not.

Jan Searle, board member, said \$180 if not paid student should not perform, they would just take the class and opt out of the performance part.

Mr. Duffin, this would work for the remainder of the year but does not want to commit to a long term policy of this.

Krystin Morley, board member, suggested that fees be paid right up front.

Chairman, Dr. Hogenson, ask the board to reaffirm the \$180 cost fee for choir.

Dr. Warren Peterson made a motion to support the fee of \$180 that was determined at the beginning of the year.

Krystin Morley seconded the motion.

Uniamous vote of the Board in favor of keeping the set fee of \$180.

Pat Parkinson asked about student enrollment. Mr. Muhlestein reported we have at this present time 1309 students. This changes daily with new enrollment, due to new term starting.

Ms. Parkinson wanted to know the role of student government. Mr. Muhlestien said that we have Mrs.

Hansen overseeing this along with Mr. Becker and Mrs. Pullman. Mr. Reed Harrison will be helping too. They want to foster in the students the correct way of getting items of business passed. They have divided the students into the House of Representatives and the Senate. Mr. Muhlestein is the judiciary branch. They want to help the students to understand the rule of law. Mr. Reed Harrison would like to set up committees and show the students how legislation is passed. He would like to show the students how to put together an agenda. They will also be involved with activities for the students at the school. The students will learn by doing.

Pat Parkinson said her children really love the school and recruit their friends.

Dr. Warren Peterson moved that we close the open session of the meeting and go into the closed session. It was seconded. The meeting was adjourned.