

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Board of Trustees Public Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2007

7:30 p.m.

Administration Building

Call to Order: Chairman Dr. Hogenson called meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Dr. Hogenson, Dr. Warren Peterson, Jan Searle, Ann-Marie Mair, Shelina Way, Mike Hess and Vickie Peterson
Director Rob Muhlestein, Assistant Director Paul Carpenter, Assistant Director Kalin Hall and Assistant Director Kenna Marrelli

Excused: Krystin Morley
General Public (roll attached to minutes)

Spiritual Thought: Dr. Warren Peterson

Welcome: **Chairman, Dr. Hogenson**, expressed appreciation for all those who sign up to run for the two year term member of the Board of Trustees.

Vickie Peterson has been elected to the Board of Trustees. Time was given to Vickie to address the parents. She expressed thanks for parental support and is looking forward to serving in this capacity.

Warren Peterson the outgoing Trustee was given time to address the parents. He will remain involved in the school as a parent. He will look forward to watching from the sidelines the progress of the school. Expressed concerns over lack of parental involvement.

Items of Business:

Extracurricular Activities Policy. Chairman Hogenson said this policy is need for all involved to have an understanding of how extracurricular Activities work. Input has been taken from many people including those involved in extracurricular events. The Board has spent some time working on this policy. The Board believes this policy will give direction and help in knowing what is expected. The policy is attached to the minutes.

Dr. Warren Peterson brought up concerns about consequences for breaking this policy. His concerns are legal liability in the area of transportation that the school provides to events.

Rob Muhlestein has attended a risk management meeting addressing the issues of liability. The school may be sued over transportation of students by parents to events, unless the parent provides proof of certification of insurance, a background check and fingerprinting. Big liability for the school if not done right.

Chairman, Dr. Hogenson said this is a general policy; advisors have desecration to write rules for their own activities.

Debbie Crockett, a parent, asked if this policy affects field trips. **Mr. Muhlestein** said yes it will.

Chairman Dr. Hogenson, Dr Warren Peterson, Jan Searle, Vickie Peterson, Ann-Marie Mair, Mike Hess and Shelina Way voted in favor to adopt policy, the policy was adopted.

Public Comments/Concerns:

Reed Harrison is working with student government in writing By-laws for student government. He asked the board if there were anything that we would like or not like in the bylaws.

Chairman, Dr. Hogenson asked that he work with Director Rob Muhlestein on this issue.

Joseph Curtin has concerns with FERPA and the information that is being made available. Name, age, email home address, date of birth, personal identifying information of students online. Mr. Curtin would like to see just an age not the birth date given out. He expressed concerns of identity theft with this use of information. He asked that the board reconsider having only certain information available.

Board is not aware of this information being available online. Will check to see what information is available to the public.

Allen Davis said parents can come in and withdraw directory information if they choose. He said that Mr. Curtin had some valid concerns that the board may want to consider.

Board said the information is for internal use only and that a policy addressing this should be put into place.

Student Government representative, **Jeremy Higley**, expressed a desire to be more involved with ideas for change.

Chairman, Dr. Hogenson, we welcome students to come to meet with the board.

Dr. Warren Peterson asked that if student representatives come to address the board they come in school uniform.

June Williamson has concerns with communication. She feels this area is in great need of improvement. She had not seen any flyers about tonight's meeting and does not always read her email. She would like more written communication.

Ann-Marie Mair said that she puts posters up and she has Mr. Williams call the homes of parents through the automatic phone messaging, we have information online and available in written form at the front desks of each building. She said we have tried as much as we know how and asked if there were any more ideas.

Jan Searle stated the meetings are and have been the first Thursday of each month for two years. Newsletters and papers home is a good way to communicate, however the cost is way too high. Money is needed in other areas of importance.

June Williamson, asked for a school wide calendar that shows all the events could help.

Director Paul Carpenter stated communication is very important. Making sure parents know what's going on. We will be working on this.

Director Rob Muhlestein, stated parent volunteer Debbie Crockett is helping with the calendar of events.

Mike Hess would like to see a binder be given to each student that has the calendar of events in it at the beginning of the year. Concerns are the cost. Mike will check the cost and get the information to the board.

Dr. Warren Peterson suggests that student recognition nights and all other school sponsored events take preference over non-school sponsored events. It is hard to work around the other events to schedule activities.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Move to a closed session

Minutes submitted by: Vickie Peterson