

American Heritage Charter School
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
April 12, 2012

Time: 7:30pm

Roll Call:

Board of Directors

Chairperson Debra Infanger
Vice Chair James Dalton
Secretary Sara Schofield
Treasurer Mike Batt
Director Trent VanderSloot
Director Tappia Infanger
Excused: Director Gayle DeSmet
Visitors: none

Founders

Tony Lima
Jill Dalton
Mike Infanger
Ashley Infanger
Aaron Robinson
Sadie Sabin
Chris Schofield

Agenda:

There were no changes made to today's agenda.

Minutes:

There were no minutes to approve as this was our first meeting.

Chairperson Report:

Update on 4.3.12 presentation to District 91 Board

Deby explained the packet that was given to each member of the Board of Trustees during the meeting noting that the key influence would be the letter of support from the Frank L. VanderSloot Foundation Inc. stating their financial support for the building up of the school. Additional items included in the packet were; letter of explanation of why, tab 1- mission and visions, photo page of NVA, flyer from teachers of NVA referring them to the schools website, letter from Connie where she talks about third grade books being used in first grade, and discussion about children moving for math and reading but socializing in groups. Deby explained the process of the lottery. Names are put on 3X5 cards and grouped by class, with any priority status (founder's child, staff member's child, sibling, in district, out of district) designated. Before beginning the lottery, 9 cards with K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 written on them are put in a bowl. A person not associated with the school draws the cards out at random. That will be the order of the lottery. This order is significant because if the 6th grade goes first, then any sibling of a child chosen in that round, would have sibling status and so on as each subsequent class is drawn. The full lottery process can be read in Idaho Charter School Law IDAPA 08.02.04.203.09

Charter Education:

Tab 1 presented by Trent VanderSloot

Trent read through Tab 1 of the charter and shared that what makes him passionate about the vision and mission of AHCS is that we are creating future leaders that respect and value our nation. These ideals are preparing students for the future, so that they may contribute to society.

New Business:

Discussion of committees to be formed

Jim expressed that we should show our support and involvement by making fundraising efforts towards raising money for the school. Other possible committees mentioned to be formed in the future included; public relations, an information booth at the county or state fair, hiring committee, community service, facilities committee, extra curricular activities, and making sure kids and others are involved in serving to help the school.

Discussion of plans for remodel of New Sweden Building

The meeting scheduled for 4.13.12 with District 91 was talked about and it was agreed that plans for the remodel and a current floor plan would be beneficial information to present to them since

Superintendent Boland voiced concern over inclusion of New Sweden as a building option in the Charter they received for the mtg. on 4.3.12. Deby stated that there should be a classroom for grades K-8, along with a music room and computer lab. North Valley Academy school building has approx. 40,000 square feet. Efforts toward hiring a principal way in advance was discussed. This person should be someone who puts in the hours and sacrifice beforehand. Also desired is someone with a strong academic background, good savvy for how to handle the public, and a gift for setting the climate in the school and displaying a professional example for other staff members to follow. Discussion was held on reapplying for federal funds and looking into grant writing, of which Trent has a contact specializing in this.

Financials:

Bills and Payroll

Deby suggested that NVA Clerk Cathy Thompson receive \$1,500.00 for her work on the Charter when the Albertsons Foundation Grant goes through (\$250,000.00). Trent asked if she had kept record of her hours. Jim suggested that she be paid a flat consultation fee rather than as an hourly employee. Deby estimates that Cathy has put in fifty plus hours on writing and revisions for the Charter. It was also noted that NVA will have a three year relationship with AHCS. They will help to train our staff, and then come on sight once a month to help.

Adjournment:

No formal motion was made to adjourn.

***Action Items:**

Jim Dalton will provide a letter from VanderSloot Farms for the mtg. on 4.13.12. He will also continue to work on the AHCS timeline and calendar.

Deby Infanger will attend meeting with District 91 on 4.13.12 at 1:00pm and will provide a letter explaining her intentions for the New Sweden school.

Chris Schofield will provide a rendering of the current New Sweden school floor plan for mtg. on 4.13.12.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Sara Schofield
Board Secretary

Deby Infanger
Chairperson of the Board