

OPEN HIGH SCHOOL OF UTAH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Location: Draper City Library
1136 Pioneer Rd.
Draper, UT 84020

Date: May 12, 2009



Approved: May 26, 2009

In Attendance: David Wiley, DeLaina Tonks, Robyn Bagley, Justin Johansen

Excused: John Dougall, Phil Windley

Others in Attendance: Gavin Hutchinson (AW), Kim Dohrer (AW), Emily Coon (AW), Lynn Taylor (Director), Rob Nielsen (Curriculum Director), Sherri Lee Brandt (Parent)

The mission of the Open High School of Utah is to provide Utah students with an excellent education through an online, virtual environment that will help them achieve their full academic and social potential.

The core philosophy of the Open High School of Utah is that education is a universal human right and that the most effective education is hands-on, service-oriented, and available to anyone. Because of this philosophy, OHSU is committed to using open educational resources – educational materials that can be freely and legally copied, changed, and shared.

Open educational resources enable our educational mission by providing the greatest pedagogical flexibility possible to OHSU students, parents, and teachers. Open educational resources enable our service mission by providing the greatest number of opportunities to improve our communities and revolutionize schooling around the world.

1:20 PM - INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions by David Wiley

DeLaina made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS, Robyn Bagley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- ❖ Approve Board Meeting Minutes from March 31, 2009
- ❖ Approve Closed Session Affidavit from March 31, 2009
- ❖ Approve Board Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2009
- ❖ Approve Electronic Board Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2009

REPORTS

- ❖ Dave Wiley gave a report on the vision of the curriculum and how it will unfold over time. The instruction for Fall courses are on time for a June review by the Curriculum Committee. Each year, the Curriculum Committee will revise their instructional materials and make adjustments based on testing as well as teacher and student data. DeLaina reviewed the content online so far and is impressed with what is available so far.
 - Dave reviewed the requirements for the Subject Matter Expert (SME) and the responsibilities of the Curriculum Director.
 - Dave also clarified the difference between the foundation money and charter school money.
- ❖ School Director's Report
 - So far, there are 69 people currently registered for the school with an additional 60 people who have been accepted, but have not completed the registration paperwork.
 - The Admin Committee will be checking with their colleagues for marketing advice.
 - Bart said that radio is a very efficient and cost-effective form of advertising. KSL has a far reach, but is very expensive also. Repetition is more important than reach. KNRS and KLO are fairly similar to KSL. Billboards support the radio ads. The board will move ahead with the NPR ad, and will further evaluate advertising with KNRS and other radio stations.
- ❖ Academica Report
 - Gavin gave a report on the financials.
 - Kim gave additional information on Title funds.

BUSINESS ITEMS (To be Voted Upon During Board Meeting)

- ❖ David Wiley introduced Bart Barker and Bart gave a brief summary on his background. DeLaina made a motion to approve Bart as a new board member for Open High School of Utah, Robyn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ DeLaina Tonks resigned from the Treasurer and Secretary positions. Dave Wiley resigned from being the board chairman. DeLaina made the motion to approve Bart as the Treasurer, Robyn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Dave made a motion to approve DeLaina as the Board Chair, Robyn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Robyn is the Vice Chair, and Dave, Justin, Phil, and John will continue as board members.
- ❖ Robyn made a motion to table the vote on adding additional board members. Discussion on the number of board members took place. Motion died. Dave made a motion to amend the charter to say “at least 5 board members”, Bart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Dave made a motion to authorize the Board Chair to appoint task forces as necessary, Bart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Dave made a motion to table the vote on benefit dollars until Bart is able to discuss the budget with Gavin, Robyn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items For Discussion Only)

- ❖ Robyn and DeLaina volunteered to be the task force for Policies and Procedures.
- ❖ DeLaina would like to add the two positions of secretary and advertising/marketing to fill the skill sets currently missing by the board.
- ❖ Lynn is requesting some feedback on the 2009-2010 calendar.
- ❖ Discussion continued on the Dual Enrollment Policy.
- ❖ Next meeting Tuesday, May 26 at 1 pm at the Draper Library.

3:09 PM – Sherri thanked the board for the school, Dave thanked her for her participation.

3:00 PM – Justin made a motion to ADJOURN to a closed session. David seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.