

Valley Academy Public Board Meeting Agenda
July 12, 2014 at 9:00am
147 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale, UT 84774

9:00- 9:30 Opening Activity

9:30-10:15 Discovery process

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00 State of Valley Academy- Director's Year End Report

11:00-12:00 Vision Activity- Lunch Assignment

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-13:45 Open meetings training and Q/A by our legal team, Kuhlmann and Associates

13:45-14:15 SEL/SEI Intro and QA by Tara Freiberg

14:15-14:30 Break

14:30- 17:00 Strategic Planning

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In attendance: Lane Blackmore, Derek Lewis, Jimmy Ashley, Ben Ruesch, Alisha Terry-Martin, Kevin Dunkley, Tara Freiberg, Thayne Smith, Tom Kuhlmann, Gary Kuhlmann.

9:00am- Open meeting.

Team building activity

Kevin Dunkley's State of Valley Academy Report:

- Review of the parent survey done at year-end for electives and the planning that admin and staff has been doing for class scheduling. Art may have an "artist in residence" for each semester. Dance, Drama, Orchestra/Band will remain choices. Adding Spanish for all grades. Several other choices will be available. Each teacher will teach an elective and get a prep period.
- Breakfast and lunch (free and reduced program) will be available.
- Board invited to meet new staff at the first day of their professional development training, August 6th at 9:00am at Valley Academy.
- Back to School night will be August 14th- this will be just for parents. The time for kids to meet teachers will be the week before school.
- Review of the evaluation form Kevin will be using for staff this year. If you (anyone) visits a classroom this year, you should see the daily schedule posted on the board and the curriculum they are studying. Each teacher will also have a website.
- Review of new hires and staff. Work still being done to get the bus schedule ready and working.
- Review of parking and pick-up/drop-off circulation. Safety for the students and staff is the priority. Need to work with Hurricane City staff to review the traffic plan that was approved prior to our opening (before we knew how traffic would actually run) and discuss the possibilities of a new plan.

Discussion of the past year's achievements and goals for the new school year.

Open meetings training by Gary Kuhlmann:

- Hand-out: Utah Code Ann. 53A-5a-111
- Review of the changes to the open meetings act. Should be reviewed annually.
- No voting via email. Deliberations should be minimal and should always be brought to an open meeting. Email and texting between Board members and from Board to audience cannot be used during the open meeting.
- An open meeting should be called by a person who has the authority to call the meeting.

- An emergency meeting should be noticed if at all possible, or should be posted as soon as possible. If an emergency meeting is held, the minutes and recording should announce that it is an emergency meeting and a roll call. The 24 hour rule is waived if it is a true emergency. It should be a good reason.
- A meeting may be closed for the same reasons as before, but the meeting does not HAVE to be closed. You CAN discuss any of those things in an open meeting.
- We need to make annual notice of meetings, then monthly and special notices. "Special" meetings should be avoided unless necessary.
- Action items for the agenda need to be on the agenda with at least 24 hours notice. No amended agendas.
- If a meeting is closed, and a recording is not made, all that is required is an affidavit signed by the Board Chair that the topic of discussion was actually what was discussed.
- If presentations are given by members of the public, an electronic copy must be included in the minutes.
- A "request" for a closed session should be included in every agenda in case items come up.
- The Board Chair can approve topics to be discussed brought up by the public- but they cannot be voted on. Maintain the 3 minute time limit with a stop watch.

Social Emotional Learning Training by Tara Freiberg

- Introduction of SEL, what it is and how we are using it at Valley Academy.
- Discussion of making training available to all staff, Board, and parents.

Discussion of goal setting process and the Board's responsibilities versus the Director's responsibilities in the school.

- Goal set to research and make a plan for a potential additional road that will help with traffic flow around the school.
- Goal set to develop and maintain the website and other social media- follow up on this item at the next meeting.
- Goal set to look for alternate funding sources: grants, donations, etc.
- Goal set to identify changes needed in Board policy, charter, bylaws, charter agreement so we are in compliance and also following our own policies.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm