

Valley Academy Special Public Board Meeting Agenda  
August 1, 2015 at 8:30am  
281 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale, UT 84767

1. Working breakfast 8:30-9:30 – Kevin Dunkley presenting the State of Valley Academy report.
2. Yearly legal training presented by Gary Kuhlmann & Associates- 9:30-10:30
3. Break 10:30-10:45
4. SEI and Arts training presented by Tara Freiberg, Terra Wade, and Lori Wrangle 10:45- 12:00
5. Lunch 12:00- 12:45
6. Performance Goals and Assessment training presented by Peggy Childs and Jennifer Davis 12:45- 2:00
7. Break 2:00- 2:15
8. Goal setting session for upcoming school year and 5 year plan presented by Tom Kuhlmann and Melanie Smith-Harris 2:15- 5:00.
9. Closed session (if needed)
10. Dinner 5:30

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In attendance: Lane Blackmore, Steven DeMille, Kevin Dunkley, Alisha Terry-Martin, David Hinton, Tara Freiberg, Peggy Childs, Miranda Kloos, Ben Reusch, Melanie Harris, Gary Kuhlmann, Thayne Smith, Lori Wrangle, Terra Wade, Jennifer Davis, Tom Kuhlmann. Excused: Lynn Excell.

Meeting began at 8:45am

Steven gave a brief overview of the year-end climate survey. Recommendations that we enforce the dress code, create a policy book that people can take home (not just on the website) and an employee manual. The playground is an issue that has been taken care of. Many people talked about adding more arts...and we'll hear more about the plans for this later today.

Kevin gave an overview of the new teachers, programs, and equipment that has been in progress over the summer break. New programs include Go Math for K-8, Journeys reading program for K-4, Step up to Writing for K-2, cursive reading and writing, Star 360 assessments. Addition of musical theater, piano, and guitar for electives. Charlotte Potter, last year's PTO president, will be teaching

7<sup>th</sup> grade CTE, improving the website, and doing some marketing/public relations work. Megan Gatlin moving from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

August 11<sup>th</sup> is back to school night. 5:00 and 6:15

Gary Kuhlmann gave yearly training on open meetings act.

Ben made a motion to move the closed session up in the agenda for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Members voting yes: Lane Blackmore, Ben Reusch, Miranda Kloos, Alisha Terry-Martin, Steven DeMille, David Hinton (all in attendance). Kevin Dunkley invited to stay in closed session. Closed session began at 10:34am and ended at 10:40am. Ben made a motion to move back to open session. All members present voted in favor.

Lori Wrangle presented on her plans for teaching art this school year for K-8.

Terra Wade presented on her plans for the dance program this year K-8.

Tara Freiberg presented on SEI plans this year. This will include teacher training and observation as well as parent trainings and resources.

Peggy Childs and Jennifer Davis presented on assessments and the UMTSS program that we were privileged to get into this year. They are helping us to set short and long term goals for academic improvement over the next 5 years. Growth was shown in SAGE testing this year over last year. We still have room to grow, but progress is notable. 70% free and reduced lunch.

Melanie Harris and Tom Kuhlmann led a discussion on goals for the year, 3 years, and 5 years.

Discussion included having a monthly theme that is followed throughout the school that is based on the mission statement. Kevin was assigned to bring this idea to the staff at the next staff meeting for ideas to put into policy. Possibilities of memorization of the mission statement by board, staff, students....creating a dance, song or play to illustrate learning of the mission statement.

Discussion on policy for each teacher to upload a digital file each month that shows learning experiences.

Discussion on early and more detailed communication. Remind 101 or creating a school app.

Discussion of dress code and spirit shirts.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.