

CANYON RIM ACADEMY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
05-17-18

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Canyon Rim Academy (the "school") was held on May 17 at 6:00 pm at the school.

Members present:

Erik Olson, Alyssa Larson, David Havell, Ruth Hadlock, Dave Gisseman, Becky Benham, Sue Astle and Alicia West

Administration present:

Kent Fuller and David Garrett

Guests present: A few guests who attended the regular Board Meeting remained for the Annual Meeting, plus two other guests attended.

Teachers present: Haas Pectol

Incoming Board member- Jason Esplin

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm.

Item 1: Welcome – Erik Olson

Erik Olson, CRA Board of Trustees chairperson, welcomed all in attendance.

Item 2: Principal – Kent Fuller

- Staffing: Next-year hires are as follows: 3rd grade teacher- Samantha Cowan; 4th grade teacher – Caprice Hazen, Special Education teacher - Caitlyn Fox; SPED consultant/director – Jill Major; Speech language pathologist - Colleen Mitchell.
- Dibels: Scores increased from 87 at the beginning of the school year to 90 at the end of the school year.
- Sage testing: Not all scores are in yet.
- Math program: A school-wide math program called Eureka (also known as EngageNY) will be adopted. At an additional cost, the school will purchase technology that includes assessments, which will track student performance and growth. This will solve the vertical alignment gap in math. Almost all teachers are in favor of this math program. The school will offer a full-day training on Eureka math before the next school year begins.
- Mentoring: A strong mentoring program has been put in place, headed by Peggy McCandless from the University of Utah. Mr. Fuller has also encouraged teachers to observe fellow teachers.
- Evaluations: Mr. Fuller has completed all formal and informal teacher observations through the year and all except two evaluations are complete.
- Goals: Staff has set goals for themselves, including:
 - Tech & SPED - SPED is being addressed and technology has a good start, due to Land Trust monies used for that purpose.
 - Core Knowledge – Continued implementation of Core Knowledge still remains as a goal, as stated in the school charter. The school will offer a full-day training to teachers on this subject in the Fall.
 - Core alignment – Grade levels will be collaborating to ensure the vertical alignment of their language arts curriculum and teaching.
 - Distributive Leadership – Teachers' expertise will be capitalized on: Mandy Niles will work on vertical alignment, Sean Thorpe will be getting his GT (gifted and talented) endorsement and Rachel Lowry will be helping with data analysis and other items.

Item 3: PTO – Jill Gibby

Jill thanked everyone for their support and stated it takes many people contributing to be successful. There were many great events this year: the carnival, 5K, science night, art night, gallery stroll, Perspectives contest, mock Olympics, Mr. Fuller sleeping on the roof as a fundraiser, mountain man rendezvous, field day and the nights out at local restaurants. All events brought the school together and money was raised. Next year's PTO President is Marie Poulson. Lauri Merriman will be treasurer.

Item 4: U of U Stakeholder Survey – Ruth Hadlock

As results had just come in minutes before the meeting began, the Board will discuss results of the survey at an upcoming Board meeting.

Item 5: Academic Excellence – Alyssa Larson

Alyssa stated that Mr. Fuller is aware and putting into place vertical alignment so the school can move toward assessment. Professional Development is being addressed with two upcoming teacher trainings.

Item 6: Board Governance - Becky Benham

There are two Board vacancies, as Alyssa Larson and Ruth Hadlock are rotating off the Board at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Becky welcomed the newest members of the Board: Jason Esplin, who was elected as a three-year term Board of Trustees and Sue Astle, who was re-elected as the parent-elected representative on the Board. Sue and Becky recently participated in a Board Governance training with the goal of continued improvement. The Board approved the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws, which included officer and term limits. The Board will also begin self-evaluation.

Item 7: Q&A

- A parent attending requested the Board review the Bullying policy to make sure it pertains to teachers as well as students.
- There was a continuation of parent public comment/questions from those who attended the regular Board Meeting and remained for the Annual Meeting.
- In the course of handling parent questions, Erik Olson commented that outside counsel has been engaged, as had been discussed at the March board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm. Erik thanked everyone for attending.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING:

May 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Hadlock