

CANYON RIM ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
02-22-17

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Canyon Rim Academy (the "school") was held on February 22, 2017 at 4 pm at the school.

Members present:

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

Administration present:

Tiernan Dunmeyer, Dave Garrett

Guests present:

- CRA teachers: Vanessa Tendick, Cecily Patton, Grace Edwards, Erin Payne
- CRA parents: Susan Astle, Hallie Keller
- S.A.F.E. Schools Taskforce Member: Linda Milne

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm.

Item 0: Approval of 01-20-2017 CRA Board Minutes – Ruth Hadlock

The board voted via email to approve the minutes of the last board meeting held on January 31, 2017.

Item 1: Public Comment Period

Susan Astle asked what CRA's plans are, should the Board of Trustees not be eligible to fulfill the positions of the Land Trust committee next year (due to a requirement that a certain number of Board members be parents of children at the school). The Board explained how elections would be run in the fall to fill those "community council positions", should that need arise. The Board invited her to ask further questions via email so that a Board meeting agenda item can be created if a longer discussion is warranted.

Item 2: PTO Report – Alicia West

Perspectives contest went very well, and the Gallery Stroll to showcase students' amazing work is next week. The book fair that the PTO hosts during parent teacher conferences is going smoothly. Useful feedback regarding this year's maturation program has been received. Jason Esplin, playground committee chair has received a playground bid and will receive 2-3 more by next month's meeting. Board and he mutually agreed to have him present at the next Board meeting. In the meantime, Jason's committee will explore community hardware store donations and other fundraising options.

ACTION: Dave Havell will contact Jason Esplin to discuss fundraising plans.

Item 3: New Business

Item 3a: 4th Grade Band & Orchestra Proposal –Grace Edwards & Erin Payne

Grace Edwards, CRA Band Teacher and Erin Payne, CRA Orchestra Teacher, presented a proposal to the Board whereby 4th grade students would have the opportunity to join either music program at CRA. Grace and Erin expressed the many benefits of being involved in music at a younger age, among them being increased self-confidence, self-discipline and decreased stress. Currently the music program is offered to 5th and 6th grade students twice per week – once during the last 45 minutes of a school day and once after school. The 4th grade music program would follow that same schedule.

ACTION: The Board will make a decision by the next Board meeting.

Item 3b: Public Education Legislation Update – Dave Garrett

Dave gave an update on budget increases that have been approved in the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee which gives the Board an idea what ongoing budget items might be officially approved and would benefit CRA.

Item 3c: Principal Report – Tiernan Dunmeyer

- Curriculum Statements: Tiernan collected any remaining input from teachers who wished to contribute to the curriculum statements, which will be used in finalizing the Charter.
- Service Learning: Tiernan gave the Board a current status report on CRA classes' service-learning activities and undertakings.
- SAGE Testing Schedule: SAGE testing is scheduled April 17-May 19, with 4th-6th grade being tested on ELA, Math, Science and Writing, and 3rd grade on all areas except science.
- College Students and Mentors: 4 Westminster and 1 University of Utah student teachers will be mentored by several CRA teachers this spring.
- "Got Caught Being Great" Recognition: Students who are "caught being great" receive a paper award recognizing their efforts. Students are entered into a weekly drawing for prizes.
- Professional Development: Among ideas for the March 24th PD day involve Core Knowledge, Service Learning and the creation and use of class websites (to reduce the use of paper).

Item 4: Old Business/Follow up Items

Item 4a: S.A.F.E. Schools – Linda Milne

Linda Milne, S.A.F.E. Schools (Schools Aid Families in Emergencies) taskforce member, updated CRA with good news that through her efforts, Salt Lake County has approved CRA to be an emergency disaster hub, even though only district are eligible. The committee that Linda is on was formed by Salt Lake City emergency managers, local government entities, local school districts and the American Red Cross to prepare the community in case of a natural catastrophic event, such as an earthquake. S.A.F.E. Schools has a 5-year plan to train families how to prepare 96-hour kits and to teach families to go to a hub (the nearest district elementary school) when a disaster strikes, where a JIT Kit ("Just in Time") will be available for communities to effectively organize themselves into action to reunite families and meet their survival needs. As a result of Linda's work, CRA will have their own JIT kit on the premises.

ACTION: Linda will request to borrow a JIT kit from the county to perform a drill at CRA. 25-30 people will be invited to participate in this drill, which should take less than 1 hour. If the request is granted, PTO offered to have it be part of their "Day of Service" on April 8th.

Item 4b: 2017-2018 Calendar Approval - Board

The Board approved the 2017-2018 Calendar with one alteration – school will be in session on December 20, 2017.

Item 4c: 10-year School Anniversary Celebration – Dave Garrett

The Board approved items relating to the 10-year school celebration planned for Wednesday, April 26, 2016.

Item 4d: Closed Executive Session – Board

A quorum of the Board was present and it was unanimously decided to convene into an Executive Session in accordance with Section 52-4-205(1)(a). Erik Olson, Dave Havell, Alyssa Larson, Ruth Hadlock, Alicia West, Dave Gisseman and Becky Benham approved the motion to hold the Executive Session. The Executive Session was held at the school.

The open portion of the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm. Executive Session convened immediately following and adjourned at 7 pm. After extensive discussion in the closed session, a

motion was made in the open session to extend an offer for employment to an interim principal candidate. The motion passed.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Thursday, March 23**

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Hadlock