



Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information	
Date:	August 26, 2015
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Renaissance Academy, 3435 North 1120 East, Lehi, UT. 1 st floor,
Next Meeting:	September 16, 2015

Attendee Information			
Board Members		Invited Guests	
Attended	Name	Attended	Name
x	Carolyn Bayly, Board Chair		
x	Jared Barfuss, Board Vice Chair	Public in Attendance	
x	Ryan Hunter, Board Member	Attended	Name
x	Mike Bentley, Board Member		
x	Jennifer Orten, Board Member		
x	Monica Wonnacott, Board Member		
	Chris Wareham		
Schoolhouse			
Attended	Name		
x	Mark Ursic, Executive Director		
x	Holly Lyons, Executive Assistant		

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#	Motion made by	Motion	Vote
1	Jennifer Orten	Jennifer moved to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2015 and the July 29, 2015 Board Meetings.	Jared Barfuss seconded. All voted in favor.
2	Monica Wonnacott	Monica moved to approve the Middle School fee schedule for 2015-2016.	Jared Barfuss seconded. All voted in favor by name.
3	Ryan Hunter	Ryan moved to go into a closed session.	Monica Wonnacott seconded. All voted in favor by name.
4	Monica Wonnacott	Monica moved to close the meeting.	Jennifer Orten seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Time	
7:13pm	Welcome and Call to Order
7: 18pm	Approval of Minutes Jennifer moved to approve minutes from the June and July Board Meetings. Jared seconded, all voted in favor, and the June and July 2015 Board Meeting minutes were approved.
7:17pm	10th Anniversary Stephanie talked over ideas discussed at the previous Board Meeting, and Jared and Stephanie set up a meeting for next week to plan anniversary activities.

7:20pm	<p>Executive Director Update - Middle School Fee Schedule Approval</p> <p>Jennifer asked how our fee schedule compares to other schools in the area. Mark said Renaissance falls in the 60-70th percentile. Jennifer also asked how the money gets used. Mark said for some classes, the funds go directly and specifically to those classes, and for others, the funds go to expenses that expand out over several years (i.e. purchasing new software). Stephanie mentioned examples of ways that they have cut down on expenses. Monica asked if there is a plan for those who cannot afford to pay the fees (There is a fee waiver form available). Jared asked if there were items on the schedule that are no longer charged for, and he suggested re-listing those items on the schedule and showing that they are coming at no cost to the parent/student.</p>
7:25pm	<p>Motion. Monica moved to approve the fee schedule. Jared seconded. All voted in favor.</p>
7:32pm	<p>Enrollment Update</p> <p>Mark talked about the current enrollment numbers and explained what factors may cause them to fluctuate in the next few weeks. He said the office and administration had called people who had been registered since March, but who have not shown up at school. He gave varying examples of people who have responded to receiving an offer, but then who had ultimately declined.</p> <p>Although enrollment numbers will continue to change, it's unlikely that enrollment will go below 704 before October 1st, which is the deadline set by the state to take enrollment numbers. At the deadline, enrollment numbers will determine the budget for the school. Jennifer asked Mark to describe reasons he knew about that had caused people to change their minds after enrolling in the lottery. Mark said the major reason he'd seen was location. For example, Ascent Academy, a new charter school in the area, took in some students this year who may have otherwise attended Renaissance. Many parents want their kids to attend the nearest charter school rather than a district school.</p> <p>Mark and the Board discussed the importance of neighborhood groups on Facebook. Mark talked about networking over Facebook groups and using them as a resource to gain outsider perspective on the school.</p> <p>Mark also talked about the importance of tours in the enrollment process. He described the good experience he'd had when he was given a tour of another spaceship simulator by a cadet in the Farpoint program. He said he may have middle school student government members give tours next year.</p> <p>Jennifer mentioned the positive feedback she'd heard from other families and from her son regarding the school year so far. Jared advocated involving the community in talking about the school as much as possible, including on Facebook. Ryan suggested requiring content creation from the different departments of the school for Facebook and the website.</p> <p>Mark pointed out trends as well as nuanced difficulties in enrollment, including complications caused by parents expecting Chinese immersion positions. He also reported the frustrations that have resulted from families who entered the lottery but did not receive the email notification upon being sent an offer. The solution this year has been to call families after the offers are extended.</p>
8:21pm	<p>Red Apple</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ryan discussed emails he had exchanged with Jared from Red Apple. -Teacher reimbursements are being done by check. -Currently Renaissance is at a 2.88 net coverage ratio, because it is the beginning of the year. -Ryan asked if the direct deposit for payroll is still happening through Zions Bank. Patti said it is not.

8:27pm	<p>State Reports Only monthly reports are due in August, no annual reports. Mark talked about plans for the Land Trust funds, which the Board had approved for buying classroom computers. Mark had imagined this would mean purchasing desktops, however, after talking to some teachers, he discovered that they would rather have Chromebooks for students to rotate between desks. He plans to survey teachers on their first week experience and to ask how their classroom technology will be used. Once he gets the feedback, will make the purchase, which should be in about a month.</p>
8:31pm	<p>Space Center Update Mark gave the Board a tour of the Space Center and described all the areas of progress since the last meeting.</p>
9:01pm	<p>HR Update Some Middle School scheduling tracks had to be adjusted, because if students were in honors classes, they were in the same classes the whole day. So, a Language Arts class and a Math class were added, and a Renaissance parent who had previously applied for a job here was hired to cover those classes. There is still a 5th grade Language Arts position that is not filled, because the new 5th grade teacher took the position on the agreement that she would work the first 8 weeks of school as a full time 5th grade teacher, and then she would go to part time and work on developing the Gifted and Talented program.</p>
9:07pm	<p>Motion. Ryan moved to go into closed session as described under Section 52-4-204 will be held for: <i>(a) discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and (d) strategy session to discuss the purchasing, exchange, lease or sale of real property.</i> Monica seconded. All voted in favor by name.</p>
10:15pm	<p>Motion. Monica moved to close the meeting. Jennifer seconded. All voted in favor by name. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.</p>