

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date: September 13, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Renaissance Academy, 3435 North 1120 East, Lehi, UT.

Α	Attendee Information				
Board Members		Schoolhouse			
х	Cameron Hughes	Mark Ursic, Executive Director			
х	Jen Lambert	Patti Davis, Business Manager			
х	Emily Haleck, Board Member	Stephanie Avery, Assistant Director			
х	Jared Barfuss, Board Member				

Motions				
#	Motion made by	Motion	Vote	
1	Jared Barfuss	Approval Board Meeting Minutes (June 2023 Meetings)	Seconded: Emily Haleck All voted in favor	
2	Emily Haleck	Approval of School Land Trust Plan	Seconded: Jen Lambert All voted in favor	
3	Emily Haleck	Approval of LEA-Specific Licensing	Seconded: Jared Barfuss All voted in favor	
4	Jen Lambert	Close the Meeting	Seconded: Emily Haleck All voted in favor	

Time	Topics	
7:06 pm	Welcome and Call to Order	
7:20 pm	Director's Update-Mark Ursic 1. Enrollment is still very strong and could be our highest Oct 1 count 2. Early Literacy. We missed one of our early literacy goals last school year, and we've been moved to year two of state support, which will involve on-site meetings and classroom observations from state reading specialists. 3. The percentage of 3rd graders who read at grade level was the missed goal. In a stack ranking of charter schools, we are 48 of 84. For our demographic, we actually have lower outcomes when compared to other schools with similar characteristics. 4. MU shared some reasons for the student outcomes we're seeing. These include the need for staff to have a growth mindset, an incongruence in our curriculum, challenges in classrooms of new teachers, and student attendance. 5. Programmatic adjustments over the last few years to address the challenges a. 150% Increase in staff allocation for intervention services b. Implementation of 2-year LETRS training for all K-3 LA teachers c. The purchase of 95% Group Phonics program this summer d. Teacher training on new phonics program 6. Discussed administration's approach to staff messaging to a) communicate clearly the expected outcomes and b) communicate a sense of urgency for outcome improvement. Including the expectation that teachers keep extended vacation requests to a minimum to ensure students have consistent, high-quality instruction. 7. Review of Financial Report a. The year is just starting, and only summer expenses are reflected in these costs. b. Our revenue estimates look to be conservative based on current enrollment. If enrollment holds until Oct 1st, many of these allocations will increase by December. c. Significant increases were given to staff this year as a result of increased legislative appropriations. Staff members were given an average of 11% increase in wages for the 23-24 school year. d. Shared some of our financial metrics from the state's accountability framework. We exceed the minimum requirement of all of those me	

	 8. School Land Trust Plan Proposal a. Provide interventional support in Chinese DLI for both language and content. We have one unassigned Chinese teacher this year, and she will be providing this support to all grade levels starting in November. b. Goal 1-Assess identified students and set individual achievement goals based on student needs. c. Goal 2-Math Fluency. Improve student outcomes as measured through i-Ready. The program is the same as Goal 1. Students in need will be identified, and individual goals will be established thereafter. d. Any additional funds allocated from SLT will be used to offset a portion of the expenses we incurred to purchase i-ready licenses for the school. 	
8:40 pm	Vote on School Land Trust Plan	
8:42 pm	Request for LEA Specific Licensing presented for consideration and approval. 1. Jie Cao-Chinese 2. Tess Cook-Elementary Art 3. Rachel Ferguson-Business & Marketing, CTE, Coding, Digital Literacy 4. Shelly Petersen-Chinese DLI 5. Camden Robinson-Physical Education, Geography 6. Alexis Webb-Heath Education 7. Zigi Chinese DLI Endorsement 8. Jessica Feveryear-Yoga	
8:13 pm	Vote on Early Learning Plan	
8:18 pm	Meeting Adjourned	