

Soldier Hollow Charter School Board of Trustee Meeting

April 18, 2023

3444 West 3000 South, Heber City, Utah

(All times listed are approximate. The Board reserves the right to vote on any item on the agenda)

The Mission of Soldier Hollow Charter School is to utilize place-based education to foster autonomous, lifelong learning through knowledge of and responsibility for the environment.

Welcome (Call to order) and Roll Call: (6:30pm) – Ryan Taylor call to order 6:31pm roll call, Tyler Partridge, Amy Lusby, Ryan Taylor, Erin Merryweather, KristiAnn Asarian

Public Comment: (6:35 pm)- The public may address any issue not related to items already on the agenda. Please refer to our Public Comment at Board Meetings Policy for procedures.

Statement about fire drill and concern of whether students were in danger – conducted staff interview – students got out safely – to address concern, the basics of what needed to happen did happen, learned from it and it will get better with more practice.

Amie Bullard – safety training and lack of emergency drills – grants available for safety and the schools goals. By the beginning of the next school year I hope there are plans in place.

David Phillips – in discussion regarding gaps in emergency preparation. Sheriff office came in and we formed a safety committee. How we can make things better. Have conducted another fire drill since. Blocking out impactful things for the remainder of the school year. Phone call with undersheriff to find out what it would take to have some kind of police presence at the school. Additional faculty meeting Thursday to discuss first steps. Goal is to have plans set in stone, there is an emergency plan in place but nobody knows what it is. Safety committee has been formed and is working on getting things ready.

COPS program for grant for police presence at school

Erin motion, Amy second to go into closed session to discuss director position – Roll Call Tyler Partridge, Amy Lusby, Ryan Taylor, Erin Merryweather, KristiAnn Asarian

Call to order 7:04pm back to open session Roll Call Tyler Partridge, Amy Lusby, Ryan Taylor, Erin Merryweather, KristiAnn Asarian

Ryan thanks to everyone committee, candidates, etc.

Reports: (6:45 pm) Board Committees Report– Board Action may be required – (10 min)

1. PTO (Parent Teacher Organization):

- Proposals -
- Recent events – Book fair done
- Fundraisers -
- Future events and preparations – Field day and teacher appreciation week. Field day last day of school only half day. Fire department possibly. BINGO in the new addition possibly, but wait until occupancy cert, before EOY

2. Financial Accountability Committee: (15 min)

- Financial statement from prior Month Rich Eccles and Tyler Partridge – Housekeeping, May budget hearing, and budget proposal for next year. COH \$68k, overall finances we had higher salaries went up about \$50k with new hires and subs. Offset with grants and revenues. Financials still look good. Received legislative estimates, recalculated and updated about \$150k SpEd increase over this year.

- Arena buildout on budget and have a small amount of money from interest and some donations/grants. Bleachers should get here just before school as long as there are no more delays.

3. Facilities and Transportation updates: Mike Bronson

Passed fire inspection today. Chair rail ready to be put up. Need a cleanup day. A lot of garbage and rocks. Hand rails done, adjustments on sheetrock. Mulch for exterior track. Put rocks and weed barrier in septic area.

4. Capital Fundraising – (15 min)

- School field trips- fundraised monies – no ongoing fundraisers right now
- Donor wall is pretty expensive – maybe signarama – how to bolster fundraising for next year
- Wish List for the school/School Projects
- Landscaping update – Bids for amphitheater (have to have 3)
- Grant for \$40k that we can use that is flexible

5. Academic Excellence - (10 min)

- Maturation Program – Pulling together class with 5th grade. Renae Higginson putting it all together. Age appropriate. Board approval, then on to parents for them to decide whether their child participates. Done during school hours with parents present if they would like.
- RISE testing started today. Takes a long time and drags out, but didn't want mess with what worked well last year.
- Finish strong instead of winding down

6. Executive Committee Report: (10 min)

- Policy updates/changes- No policy changes for this month

6. Report: (Board action may be required) (20 min)

- Director – Student council elections for middle school. Help elevate the middle school. Middle school English teacher for next year. Also hired an elementary position for next year. Focusing in on math goals for next year. Eliminating parent drivers on field trips next year. The liability is too high. The policy is that the bus is not leaving the valley but it is more protection to school and children to have the bus drive.
- Assistant Director –
- Special Ed Director – Additional funding can go to hiring more SpEd staff for increased need

Action Items:

- Accept the Financial report from – Tyler Partridge motions, KristiAnn Asarian seconds. No further discussion. All in favor, motion passes
- Approval of the Meeting minutes from prior months – Erin Merryweather motions to pass meeting minutes from March. KristiAnn Asarian seconds. No discussion, all in favor, motion passes
- Approval of possibly Policy Updates/Changes - none
- Approval of maturation program – Erin Merryweather motions with videos being shown girls to girls and boys to boys. Sending videos to parents for preview. KristAnn Asarian seconds, no further discussion, all in favor, motion passes

- Vote on hiring of new school director – KristiAnn Asarian – David Phillips, Erin Merryweather – David Phillips, Amy Lusby – David Phillips, Tyler Partridge - David Phillips – All board members agree and vote for David Phillips as the new Director of Soldier Hollow Charter School

Adjourn meeting: Erin all in favor 7:50

Closed Session: Soldier Hollow Charter School reserves the right to enter into a closed executive session for one or more of the purposes outlined in §52-4-205 of the Utah Code of Open and Public Meetings Act.
