

SPA BOARD MEEITNG

2.8.11 at 7:05 pm

In attendance: Jim Lipscomb, Robyn Campbell, Robin Hough, Shawn Turner, Liz Smith, Debbie Peterson, Carrie Morgan, Chuck Brainard

SIC/COW – School Improvement Council / Committee on the Whole

- Scott R. Nelson reported
- This was created as a shared governance relationship (collaborative / democratic) with the Superintendancy, administrators and teachers to make improvement decisions
- With Annenburg Funding, teacher leaders and teacher specialists were created; extra pay for extra activities was provided. This funding dried up.
- 7 years ago a new/collapsed Annenburg model was created. The chain of command/reporting is School Improvement Council; under that, Committee on the Whole; under that, SCC = School Community Council. The SCC was charged to develop a school improvement plan. COW was created from department chairs and charged with looking at the school improvement plan with the specific focus of improving student learning.
- Out of this there developed a set of common assessments which are measurements which can be applied across the board to measure student improvement. Also professional learning communities were established which assisted in collegiality and better understanding of departments which fed into the common assessments.

SPA Statistics for 2010 Graduating Class

- 30 students – 83% at a 3.0 / honors level. SPA has its own honors society.
- 27 students went on to college in England and both coasts, including tier one schools
- 2 students went straight into the performing arts industry
- 1 student joined the Marines
- \$483,000 total scholarship offers to SPA graduating class
- Requirements for student to be in SPA productions: 2.5 at HHS; 3.0 at SPA

Recruiting

- Feeders, charter k-8
- Looking ahead: dance schools, etc.
- Building partnerships

Minutes

- January 11 and January 25, 2011 minutes accepted as submitted

Financial

- Accepted as submitted
- UTA reimbursements – all costs were built into the fee the student paid. All reimbursements have gone out.

Budget

- 3270 – the Legislature is taking this out
- 3842 – the Legislature will most likely take this away next year
- Special Education count: 13 students
- Confirmed this is money for the move; it has been carefully budgeted and presented in the proforma presented earlier to the board and submitted to the SL School District

Board. It is noted that expectations need to be set and this addressed at every parent meeting .

Naming / sponsorship

- General ideas about naming / sponsorships / giving opportunities for the new location were suggested. None formally accepted.

School Growth and Expansion

- The lease agreement was sent out by Shawn for board review.
- All changes and questions were fielded and answered. Any changes need to be submitted to Shawn before February 15. At that time he will submit the lease as approved by the board to the district.

Student Academic Performance

- Missy informed the faculty that ESIS must be updated regularly and this will be checked on. Most SPA ESIS reporting has been historically deficit. HHS is usually up to date.
- ESIS will be going away next year and Power School will take its place.

RESOLUTION:

The Board of Trustees fully supports the Administration in requiring the Faculty to maintain ESIS, the student grading data base system, in a timely manner. Faculty is urged to keep entries current, so parents can more closely track their student's progress.

Shawn moved: Liz seconded: Unanimous decision.

Transportation Release Forms

- A discussion of the release forms for transportation / activities ensued with the question being can one release form for the entire year be used versus a release form for each activity. Shawn commented that one should be able to cover the entire year. Missy to affirm insurance coverage.

SPA Talent Night

- It was discussed and decided that a SPA talent night should still go forward even though the fund raiser originally tied to this will not happen until next school year. This will provide the PVO time to set up committees and do appropriate planning. Have an Open House before school starts. Reach out to legislators, reps, Sugarhouse Chamber of Commerce, SPA alumni, potential partners.

PVO Meeting

- 2/15, 7 pm. Discussion on the upcoming move and possible combined musical with Highland for next year.

Next Meeting

- February 22, at State Capitol. Meet early for a brief meeting then attend Charter School meeting.

Next Agenda

- Bylaws – board member term limits; succession planning
- Arts council – open positions