



Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2018

7:00pm – 9:00pm

General Meeting – AVA Library

Opening Procedures:

- Call to order 7:00 – 7:10pm
Board Attendees: Casten, Ruekert, Patton, Hybarger
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Recitation of AVA's mission & vision
- Review & approve agenda
Hybarger motion to approve agenda. Casten second. Unanimous approval.
- Consent agenda
 - Approve January Board meeting minutes
Casten motion to approve agenda. Patton second. Unanimous approval.
- Public comment
None

- Administrative updates 7:25 – 7:55pm
 - February Dashboard
Principal Barber recently presented information about Charter Schools to the Castle Rock Senior Center to provide education about the charter school system, and it seems to have been received positively.
 - Teacher intent to return – **All forms were returned by the staff which will help AVA plan for the 2018-19 school year.**
 - Apple Award nominees – **Nominees for the 2017-18 school year are: Dawn Combe (certified staff); Donia Garcia (classified staff). They will represent AVA at the Douglas County Awards ceremony on April 21st.**
 - Teacher evaluation process – **All observations have been conducted (either formal or informal) and involve Principal Barber staying for an entire academic class and providing feedback.**

DIBELS scores are up across the board from Fall to Winter, which is great. Additional focus is being dedicated to scores/areas that did not increase at the pace of others.
- Legislative brief
Governor Hickenlooper has proposed an increase to PPR funding, but the measure has not made its way through the legislative process and the final increase, if any, is still to be determined.
- Finance Committee update
 - 2nd quarter update – **Finance Committee met on Feb 6th. Revenues and expenses are generally coming in at 60% of budget, which is right on track. The Committee is exploring options on managing the school's excess funds and hope to have options in the next couple of months to earn a greater return.**



- Audit update – **The Committee met with the financial auditor and reviewed the most recent annual audit. A few minor recommendations from the auditor were reviewed and will be implemented shortly.**
- Board Reports & Discussion 7:55 – 8:45pm
 - Colorado League of Charter Schools – **The conference will be on March 1st and 2nd. The entire Board is welcome to attend. Jonathan Nye will be a presenter as well.**
 - SAC Committee – **Committee is meeting once per month. The new Secretary, Joy Collins, was voted in and is a community member. David Bodiker will be the parent representative. Jean Fanning is the teacher's representative. Julie Casten remains the Chairperson.**

The SAC survey is put together and will be sent out February 15th.

The school's website will be updated with new committee members, along with policies/procedures and other important information.
 - Foundation board report – **The new middle school dance had a great turnout with roughly 150 students attending and 25 – 30 volunteers.**

3rd graders are making Valentine's Day cards for the Parrish family.

The 1st annual talent show will be held in March.

Staff appreciation will be held in mid-March.

A family 5k run will take place later this year, with more information coming soon.

The 1st annual AVA golf fundraiser will be held in May and has been targeted as the school's main fundraising event for 2017-18.

The End-of-Year Celebration is scheduled for May 18th. Three food trucks will be available, along with a variety of activities.

The school yearbook will be handled through the Foundation going forward. There will be an emphasis on getting more parents involved this year.
 - Staff survey – 1st review of survey questions – **Reviewed during the working session. It will undergo a second review at the next Board meeting, and then be rolled out in April.**
 - Principal renewal discussion – **Will be discussed at length during the March Board meeting when all Board members are in attendance.**
- Executive session (§24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters; 8:45pm

The Board did not go into an Executive Session.
- Adjourn 9:00pm

Casten motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. Ruckert second. Unanimous approval.