

Entheos March 6, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

- I. Roll Call
 - a. Board Member Present: Jaren Gibson, Rod Eichelberger, Nate Pilcher, Wes Furgason, and Xazmin Prows.
 - b. Board Members Not Present: Kathy Larrabee and Alisha Cartier
 - c. Also Present: Eric Robins, Kevin Baron, Mat Edvik, Misty Biesinger, Jared (student), Diamanie(student), and Jeff Biesinger
 - d. Time: 6:10 PM
- II. Welcome
 - a. Wes shared a life map.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from January board meeting stand approved.
- V. Calendar of Events
 - a. Kearns
 - i. Mat reported on calendar of events
 - b. Magna
 - i. Kevin reported on calendar of events
- VI. Public Comment
 - a. No public comments
- VII. Relay for Life
 - a. Presentation by Jenny Longhurst and Tammy - American Cancer Society – Bark for Life
 - b. Event on - August 8th
 - c. Relay recesses and field days.
 - i. Nutrition, physical activity, tobacco awareness, and sun safety.
 - ii. Penny Wars
 1. Bring in speakers
 - iii. Hope Lodge – breaking ground May 14th
 - iv. Spoke about different opportunities and programs that the American Cancer Society provides.
 - v. Would like to get the community involved.
 1. www.relayrecess.org – elementary school
 - a. 1 coordinator from each school and management at school.
 2. www.relayfieldday.org – middle school & high school
- VIII. Informational Items
 - a. Executive Director's Report
 - i. Construction Update
 1. The board previewed the construction site.
 - ii. EL School Visits
 1. Will be discussed by Mat and Kevin.
 - iii. Other

1. Eric reported and reviewed the 2013 school reports for both Magna and Kearns.
 2. Advised the board to review and discussed that this is what the state is reviewing when the schools are being assessed.
 3. Testing in Kearns is complete and Magna will be finished tomorrow. Results will not be available until August.
 4. Eric reported on different bills that are currently going through legislature. Wes briefly reported on tech bill that is going through as well.
- b. Director's Report: Magna Campus
- i. Middle School and Elementary Updates
 1. All have had a Celebration of Learning and Service Learning since the last meeting. Great and exciting things happening.
 - a. Number of opportunities in middle school and elementary coming into the school.
 - b. A lot of community activities.
 - c. Doing well on working on COL and improving them, as well as service learning.
 - ii. Achievement
 1. Fountas and Pinnell is finished. Currently testing.
 - a. School is increasing in achievement, but still have students behind.
 2. Found some challenges in Special Ed and working at better assessment and assistance.
 3. Student Achievement in leadership – seeing progress. Students are staying on task and making sure their assignments are being completed.
 4. Progress monitoring - working with aides and teachers.
 5. Increased the number of special ed students. Will be close to the same numbers next school year.
 - iii. Enrollment
 1. 499 students – only lost 10 students.
 2. 444 students that are returning next school year. Feel like the number will be the same as last year, if not more.
 - iv. Staffing
 1. Same as last meeting.
 - v. PCO Report
 1. Kevin reported on current PCO at Magna.
 2. Handed out a recent newsletter for Magna.
 3. Increased parent contact requesting communication.
 - a. Setting up computer at school for parents to access Compass and other school communication.
- c. Director's Report: Kearns Campus

- i. Middle School and Elementary Updates
 - 1. Spirit Week a few weeks ago – very successful.
 - 2. Science Fair was a huge success.
 - a. Had 29 projects – 74 slots total at fair. Entheos was selected for 16 slots – 21%
 - b. Placements of students were very impressive.
 - 3. Charter Day on the Hill
 - a. Took student council at both schools. Tour of the Capitol. Great support for UAPCS.
 - 4. 9th grade study of Larry H. Miller.
 - 5. 8th grade is working on Pedals for Hope.
- ii. Enrollment
 - 1. 520 – down 7
 - 2. Waitlist 692
 - 3. 8th and 9th grade – 13. Working on getting # of how many students are staying. Feels like the same # as this year's school year for 9th graders.
- iii. Staffing
 - 1. Special Ed aide resigned today with some family challenges. Did a great job and was appreciated.
- iv. Academic Achievement
 - 1. DWA testing – Sage testing
 - a. Currently reviewing results.
 - b. Mat has been in the math classes observing and giving feedback.
 - 2. 9th grader has developed a math tutoring service project. Is helping on Tuesday and Thursday after school.
 - a. Just the honors program doing big service projects.
 - 3. Ms. Dena's crew is taking on project for homeless teens – donating jeans.
 - 4. 30 hr famine had 4K+ donated food – had to find extra shelves for donations.
- v. PCO Report
 - 1. Dr. Seuss' b-day celebration was a huge success. Jill Duncan is heading up the literacy crew.
 - 2. Next meeting is on the 15th – decline in parental volunteer.
 - 3. Mat will meet with every new student and parent to express the need for parent involvement.
- vi. Other
 - 1. Spotlight
 - a. Brian Crown – does an incredible job with PE and safety and fire drills. Make sure we are meeting all the requirements for risk management. He is taking on a load of students that need help.

- b. Dalton Horsecroft for his work with the science fair. Help every middle school student to complete a science fair project. Sets aside two Saturdays a month to make sure that every student needs are being met.
2. Rod asked about the any type of celebration that is being done for the success of science fair? Inviting the State Charter Board to?
 - a. Eric responded that there is the Science Celebration of Learning. Recommended doing an event prior to the science fair. Discussed the time frame.
 - b. Discussed the recognition to Dalton.
 - c. Mat discussed getting a hold of Tina and getting a write-up.
- d. Finance Committee Update
 - i. Rod reported on the finance committee meeting. Been working with VeraPath – looking at 401K options. Looking at switching to benefit staff and school. Eric will review.
 - ii. Had a budget discussion. Directors reviewed and made changes to adjust budget to the approved start of the year.
 - iii. Next meeting may need to have a revised budget.
 - iv. Mat reported that the medical bill’s contract is in the mail to Entheos to be approved.
 - e. Budget Report
 - i. Jeff reported on the current dashboard of the school.
 - ii. Jeff discussed the VeraPath – 401K options.

IX. Discussion Items

- a. Board Training
 - i. Board discussed and shared their thoughts on Charter School Board University by Brian Carpenter
 - ii. Board to read chapters 5-8.
 - iii. Jaren reported on Utah State Board testings.
 - iv. Jaren requested the board to create a rubric for board evaluation.
 - v. Eric handed out a rough draft calendar of agenda items for upcoming board meetings.
- b. Board Data – Dibels
 - i. Mat reported on Dibels reports for both campuses
 - ii. Board members reviewed data and responded to notices and wonders about the scores.
 - iii. Mat reported on the different student assessments and measuring that is happening at the schools.
 - iv. Mat feels that the help and focus on reading will increase the testing scores at the end.
- c. EL Credential

- i. Eric reported on upcoming EL credentialing process and how it will affect Magna and different schools that are in Utah.
 - ii. Discussed the potential for reporting for the school and to the State and community
- X. Actionable Items
 - a. Communication Policy
 - i. Eric presented the updated changes to the communication policy that were advised by legal counsel.
 - ii. **Action** – Rod motions to approve the updated communication policy. Wes seconds. Passes unanimously. 5-0
 - b. Looping at Magna
 - i. Kevin discussed the
 1. 6 new teachers last year and 7 this year (first 3 years at teaching).
 2. Discussed the new teachers trying to learn another grade level for the coming school year.
 3. Would like to propose to put looping on hold so that the teachers can develop a stronger hold of what they are teaching and the teaching process. Would like to have it on hold for two years.
 4. Board discussed would the benefits for students outweigh the value for the teacher?
 5. Board briefly discussed the benefits of looping. Discussed the accountability or results of freezing looping.
 - ii. Eric reported on the great growth with the current teachers at Magna. Recommended the freeze of looping for one year, allow Tere to continue working with the teachers and allowing the teachers the following year to loop and mentor the teachers they loop with the following year.
 - iii. **Action** – Rod motions to freeze looping for one year in Magna. Xazmin seconds. Passes unanimously. 5-0
 - c. State Land Trust
 - i. Eric presented the School Land Trust – School Plan 2014-2015
 - ii. Eric discussed EL contract and/or technology assessments.
 - iii. Mat commented on the end of unit testing accessibility and reporting – happens if we have a bank of computers.
 - iv. Committee discussed math assessment and reporting. Discussed the focus of math.
 - v. **Action** – Wes motions to approve the purchase of 250-300 chromebooks and EL support. Wes amends the motion to approve the plan to purchase the necessary number. Rod amends the motions to approve the plan for Kearns and Magna to purchase the chromebooks for math support and assessment and EL support. Wes seconds. Passes unanimously. 5-0
 - vi. **Action** – Jaren motions as a committee to approve the Entheos Kearns State Land Trust Plan as written. Rod seconds. Passes unanimously. 5-0

- vii. **Action** – Jaren motions as a committee to approve the Entheos Magna State Land Trust Plan as written. Kevin seconds. Passes unanimously. 5-0.

XI. Adjourn

- a. **Action** – Xazmin motions to adjourn. Wes seconds. Passes unanimously. 5-0
- b. **Next meeting will be held March 27th**