

**Thomas Edison Charter Schools
Governing Board Meeting
August 8, 2018**

5:05

In attendance: Audra Parent, Emily Buckley, Chris Johnnie, Bryan Hirschi

Late: Heather Knight

Excused: Kyle Hancock

Welcome/Conducting – Audra Parent

Pledge – Chris Johnnie

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as stated: Audra Parent

Second: Brian Hirschi

Yes: Audra Parent, Emily Buckley, Chris Johnnie, Bryan Hirschi

Public Comment: Pamela Budge, Edison South parent commented on the federal decision to not waive the 95% participation rate for statewide assessments.

Approval of Minutes

Heather Knight requested a change to reflect her second on a motion in the June 6th minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 6 with the minor correction: Audra Parent

Second: Chris Johnnie

Yes: Audra Parent, Emily Buckley, Chris Johnnie, Bryan Hirschi

Motion to approve the June 14th minutes: Audra Parent

Second: Emily Buckley

Yes: Audra Parent, Emily Buckley, Chris Johnnie, Bryan Hirschi

Motion to approve the July 18th minutes as sent out: Audra Parent

Second: Brian Hirschi

Yes: Audra Parent, Emily Buckley, Chris Johnnie, Bryan Hirschi

Board Training – Brian Carpenter Podcast and discussion:

The board listened to and discussed the Brian Carpenter podcast #2 of 12, Navigating the Intersection of Governance and Management, Dirty Walls

UAPCS membership renewal and delegate authorization:

The principals feel that the UAPCS does a good job of representing charters at the state level, are great at communication and recommend renewal.

UAPCS sponsors trainings throughout the year and has recommended vendors.

Heather Knight is in attendance.

Motion to continue membership with UAPCS: Audra Parent

Second: Chris Johnnie

Yes: Audra Parent, Emily Buckley, Chris Johnnie, Bryan Hirschi, Heather Knight

The delegates are Melani Kirk and Shem Smith. The alternates are Brad Larsen and Carolyn Larsen.

Counseling Report – Jamin Bingham:

Sarahann Delany will be the counselor at Edison South. The information in the packet is from last year's counselor.

- Both schools passed the state review that is done every 6 years. They were very impressed with the program.
- The Safe Utah app was implemented for middle school.
- The new health classes will include suicide prevention for students.
- Suicide prevention was taught for staff
- Both schools held a college week with the highlight being an Eldon the Eagle dance off.
- Citizenship parties – Edison South – movie and the Fun Park, Edison North – ski day and the Fun Park.
- The counselors collected data on the confidence students have in paying for college.

DIBELS training – Angela Barton:

The DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) test is reported on 3 times per year. There are five essential skills for early literacy: Phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. The state requires that students in grades 1-3 be tested. They also pay for kindergarten testing.

At-risk students are monitored for progress on a regular basis. The DIBELS scores are strongly predictive of reading success.

Finance Reports – Jim/Emily/Chris:

Jim explained the budget forms to the new board members.

Principal Reports:

Melani Kirk:

- Projected enrollment was 756, however, it is currently 706. There are still new parents showing interest daily.
- Summer school and Spalding training went well. Teacher training is in progress.
- There are still 7 or 8 employees that need to be hired.
- The parking lot will be done before school begins. Brad has been working with them all summer and is in the process of reworking the pickup drop off guidelines.

Shem Smith:

- Strategic outcome #7 lists the desire to pay off loans by 2020. If it had not been for the need to expand the parking lot, this goal would have been met.
- Summer school served a record number of students
- Second grade went from 60 to 50 students. It sometimes happens, but fills back up.

Vendor/Personnel Requests:

Melani Kirk: None

Shem Smith:

Judy Brown – MS Math

Sarahann Delany – Counselor

Aides – Letty Masuyama, Kim Watterson, Miranda Day, Chelsea Steffensen and Ashley Lamb.

Motion to approve personnel requests for Edison north: Emily Buckley

Second: Chris Johnnie

Yes: Audra Parent, Emily Buckley, Chris Johnnie, Bryan Hirschi, Heather Knight

Updates on Parking Lot Progress at North & South:

Shem Smith:

Asphalt will be laid in Friday. There has been quite a bit of progress on the landscaping and fencing. It should be finished next week.

Brad Larsen:

There has been a small delay because of issues connecting to 12th West. The power pole still needs to be relocated. The parking lot can be used the first day of school and should be done, with minor exceptions.

Closed Session:

Motion to move to a closed session: Audra Parent

Second: Chris Johnnies

Audra Parent – Yes

Chris Johnnie – Yes

Heather Knight – Yes

Brian Hirschi – Yes

Emily Buckley - Yes

Reconvene Open Meeting at 6:21

Vote on Principal Bonuses for the 2017-18 year:

Motion to approve recommended bonus of \$1,000 for Mrs. Kirk's efforts last year: Audra Parent

Second: Heather Knight

Yes: Audra Parent, Emily Buckley, Chris Johnnie, Bryan Hirschi, Heather Knight

Adjourned at 6:22