

**Minutes of the
New Visions Academy
Governing Board Meeting
For
March 6, 2014**

Members Present:

- Ann Shaw
- Leonard Bustos
- Leisa Crosby (via telephone)
- Jessie Jenkins

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Shaw called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND JANUARY MEETINGS.

A. February meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum; March meeting date moved.

Ms. Shaw stated this agenda item.

OLD BUSINESS

3. STATUS REVIEW-

A. The technology plan remains incomplete while transition of e-rate services is in progress and a new funding year is begun.

Ms. Shaw stated this agenda item.

B. Common Core curriculum maps for ELA and math are complete with unit and lesson plans in progress.

Ms. Shaw asked Ms. Crosby if she sent them.

Ms. Crosby said no so Ms. Shaw said that she would send them all soon.

C. Title II stipends have been distributed to the teaching staff.

Ms. Shaw stated this agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS

4. THE TRANSFER OF SPONSORSHIP CONTRACT WITH THE CHARTER BOARD NEEDS TO BE REQUESTED AND SIGNED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2014.

- A. The renewal application along with required documentation has to be submitted by April 18th.**

Ms. Shaw said that she has not taken the time to look at the application but she will do so next week.

5. SPRING AIMS MATERIALS FOR READING AND WRITING HAVE BEEN READIED FOR SHIPPING ON MARCH 7TH.

Ms. Shaw stated agenda item.

6. REMINDER: TITLE I CYCLE 4 MONITORING VISITS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED.

- A. The Cottonwood site will be visited on Friday, March 21st.**

Ms. Shaw said that the Cottonwood site is ready. Rank order and time and efforts logs have been completed.

- B. The St. Johns site will be visited on Friday, March 14th.**

Ms. Shaw stated this agenda item.

- C. The monitors, Jill Jeanes and Bobbi Orlando, will be looking for the rank order of students receiving services and the time and effort logs for the tutoring the Title I teachers are doing on Fridays.**

Ms. Shaw said that she received a package for Title I surveys. She sent those off today to a selection of parents who are receiving Title I services. She chose parents who she thought would respond.

Ms. Shaw asked Ms. Crosby to choose some parents to send these to and to send them out as soon as she receives them.

Ms. Crosby said she has students who are over 18 so she has a narrow pool of parents to choose from. She said she doesn't have a lot of students who have been with her very long. She has a couple in mind that she can send to, a 10th grader and a couple of 11th graders.

7. MOST OF THE FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS FOR COTTONWOOD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

- A. One left to do at the Cottonwood site.**

Ms. Shaw said that she has one left to do. St. Johns observations are complete.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF THE SCHOOLS AND OPPoRTUNITIES FOR REORGANIZATION.

A. What happens next?

Ms. Shaw said that there may be the need to close the schools. What happens at this point and the possibilities are being considered. She explained that she met with Tim Carter, the Superintendent of Schools for Yavapai County to talk about moving the sponsorship of the Cottonwood site to Yavapai County. Other ideas were.

Ms. Shaw said that Mr. Carter opening a transition school in Prescott this next school year and is not interested in opening more than one school at a time. If he took on this school it would not be until the 2015-16 school year, which doesn't help us at this time. A transition school is for kids who are adjudicated and been in detention and need a place to be before they transition back into the public schools.

Ms. Shaw expressed to him that she didn't think that was the right thing for this school.

Mr. Carter said that at the school in Prescott he'll have 15 students and one teacher. That one person handles the transitional needs of the school.

Ms. Shaw said that she felt this would change everything -- the school would be unrecognizable and we would not be able to keep our jobs.

Ms. Shaw said that if New Visions became an accommodation school that would be different. She would lose all autonomy. Everything would be reorganized from the ground up. It's possible. The monies would not be equalization funds but would be other government funds.

Mr. Carter asked if she planned to talk to other charter schools. She told him that she couldn't think of a reason why anyone would want to take this on under these circumstances.

Ms. Shaw asked what Mr. Grant and Ms. Crosby have found out.

Ms. Crosby said that the county or school district could make the school into an annex.

Ms. Crosby said that Round Valley has the ability to transport kids.

Ms. Shaw said that we are going to have to keep discussing this. She would like to establish a plan for next year. There are a lot of difficulties to finding someone to take over the school. We run the risk of having someone take responsibility only to shut us down because we are competition.

Ms. Shaw said that Mr. Carter said that his term is coming up on 2016. He is planning on running again but if somebody new comes into office and doesn't like the transition school, he/she can shut them down.

Ms. Shaw said that what she is definitely saying is that she can't continue to run these schools this way. With low numbers and no money she has to make some changes in order to try to find a way to continue at all. Shutting down the St. Johns site is not the answer to keep Cottonwood open. We do not have enough students as this site to keep the doors open another year.

9. REVENUES RECEIVED: FUNDS ARE CRITICALLY SHORT.

TYPE OF REVENUE	AMOUNT	DATE RECEIVED
AZ State Equalization (M&O)	\$33,821.88	2-3-14
AZ State Equalization	\$23,588.27	3-3-14
Classroom Site Fund- 301 Money	\$1984.44	1-24-14
Classroom Site Fund- 301 Money	\$1516.14	2-26-14
Title I	\$3390.80	1-24-14
Title I	\$3390.80	2-24-14
IDEA Basic	\$714.40	1-30-14
IDEA Basic	\$714.40	2-28-14
Instructional Improvement Fund	\$1299.14	2-5-14

**Loan Debt is currently at about: \$36,349.28
 (Home Equity LOC \$11,124.36; Wells Fargo \$25,224.92)
 Unmet obligations: FundEd- \$2000; John Layman- \$8146.28**

A. Current bank balance is at about \$8700.

Ms. Shaw said there is no money for the March payroll and expenses.

11. REVIEW AND APPROVE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY VOUCHERS.

- Accounts Payable - Jan 23 - \$9110.91
- Accounts Payable - Jan 31 - \$3,262.76
- Payroll - Feb 3 - \$21,685.24
- Half Payroll - Feb 19 - \$9,926.72
- Accounts Payable - Feb 19 - \$2,564.63
- Accounts Payable - Feb 25 - \$10,608.01
- Utilities paid out of this group. Some expenses have not been paid.
- Payroll - March 3 - \$9,484.01
- Accounts Payable - March 5 - \$350.00

12. CALL TO THE PUBLIC AND OPEN DISCUSSION.

No open discussion took place at this time.

13. ADJOURN.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22pm.