



Carbon Valley Academy Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Monday March 16, 2009
7:00 pm (Harvard Room) Carbon Valley Academy

Call to Order-

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Board Members Present~S. Jarrett(T), M. Ingino(S), S. Ramsaur(P), J. Davis, J. Felix(absent)
Administrative Staff Present~T. Carey(ED), R. Murphy (Elementary Principal), P. Trautwein (Secondary Principal), J. Jansen (Preschool Director), B. Wilson (HR), S. Stephen Carter (Consultant)
Parents and Guests Present~

Pledge of Allegiance- Art Show-Alicia Thompson-Outlined her core knowledge based lessons. Brought examples of work from each grade level. Currently having an art contest with the winner's art being framed and permanently hung in the CVA hallway. Went over this year's Art Summer Camp.

Additions to the Agenda-None

Public Comment- This portion of the Agenda is provided to allow members of the audience to provide comments to the CVA Board on items that are not being considered on the current Agenda. Please sign in and the President will call you. If your comments or concerns require an action, that item(s) will need to be placed on a later Agenda. Please limit the time of your comments to three (3) minutes.

Correspondence & Recognitions

- **New Employees:** *Hallie Springer hired 1/22/09 as an Assistant Teacher for the CVA Preschool. She ran a licensed preschool out of her home for many years and keeps up her credentials with yearly classes.*
- **Correspondence:** *Kelly Kurz, CVA/CVSA counselor went over how she is working on renewing focus on Character traits. Horseshoe awards are working well. Would like one of the staff or students to come up with a pledge or spirit song with all the Character traits incorporated. Art in the foyer with 9 different murals representing each Character trait. Planning a character council made up of 4th & 5th grade students that will assist with the planning of character trait activities.*

Consent Agenda – Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote. There will be no separate discussion of Consent Agenda Items unless a Board Member so requests, in which case the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered at the end of the Consent Agenda.

- a) Meeting minutes regular meeting February 23rd,2009
Motion made by: S. Ramsaur. Second by: J. Davis. Approved by unanimous consent.
- b) 2009/2010 CVA School Calendar
Motion made by: M. Ingino. Second by: S. Jarrett. Approved by unanimous consent.



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Staff & Consultant Reports

- a) **Preschool- Director Jodi Jansen**
- a. **Character Development-Now teaching character development with three new puppets.** Dina the dinosaur comes into the classroom to teach about character traits, friendship and honesty. The students have learned a song to welcome her into the classroom and are always very excited to see her. Now brainstorming on how to integrate the character trait development program into the daily lessons as well as incorporating it into “family homework” to encourage families to work on the traits at home as well.
 - b. **Relay for Life-Brainstorming ways CVA preschool students and their families could help raise money.** Some ideas include, buy a free dress day or theme day like”pay to wear a hat day”, walking laps around the park behind the preschool for donations.
 - c. **Preschool Stimulus Project-During April they will be studying a unit on “Community Helpers”.** CVA Pre-K will be participating in a magazine contest called “Exchange Stimulus Package”. The contest will give away one grand prize of \$10,000 and ten \$1,000 prizes. The idea is to show the steps that we can take to start reversing the economic downturn one family and one neighborhood at a time. Each Pre-K student will receive a passport and a map of area businesses. As a group they will walk to the local business and purchase small inexpensive items. The students will get a stamp in their passport from each business they visit and will have a homemade suitcase to put all of their purchases in. Even if they don't will they still have taught the students how they can take an active role in their community.
- b) **Elementary- Principal Murphy**
- a. **2nd Grade Field Trip-On Monday, March 2nd, our 2nd Grade classes went on a field trip to NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research) to coincide with their study of water cycles.** Students hiked up the Walter Orr Roberts Weather Trail on a self guided tour. NCAR's laboratory offers a wealth of hands-on educational exhibits that students were able to explore. The students were able to look through a wall of glass into the Computer room of NCAR's Scientific Computing Division which holds some of the fastest supercomputers in the country. Both kids and adults enjoyed the field trip.
 - b. **CSAP and MAPP testing- This week CSAP testing begins and continues through March 25th.** CVA will be providing a nutritious breakfast to the students before CSAP testing. Food was donated by The Helping Hand Food Pantry.
 - c. **SuperNanny Presentation-On April 15th 6:00-8:00, CVA families are invited to a potluck dinner followed by a “Super Nanny” presentation.** “Super Nanny” is a program put on by C.A.R.E. of Weld County, Child Advocacy Resource and Education. It is an hour long presentation focused on positive ways to communicate with and discipline our kids. We are looking forward to this night of good food and good friends.
 - d. **Character Traits-This month CVA is renewing the focus on our character traits.** Each month one character trait is emphasized in classroom lessons. Students that demonstrate that month's character trait are rewarded with special privileges, acknowledgment and awards.



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- c) Secondary - Principal Trautwein –
 - a. Shadow Days- Held on February 24th and March 6th involving CVA fifth graders and several students from other schools. The shadow days were a good way for students to see firsthand what CVSA is about. Students were able to go to all classes, have lunch together and interact with the staff. The overall feedback from the students has been positive.
 - b. HS Dress Code- The purpose in to create a professional, safe and respectful community where the sole focus is on learning. Dress code is in effect from the start of school till the end of the school day, and must be adhered to during all school activities. Clothing, jewelry or appearances that are determined by staff to be distracting or unsafe will not be permitted.

- d) Accountability Committee-Sherrie Stevens Carter-
 - a. Reviewed results of CVSA's Mr. Cegelski's Grading Rubric.
 - b. 2008 CSAP comparisons with area schools-reviewed handout. We haven't met goal we set but are well on the way.
 - c. Student Growth-reviewed handout.
 - d. Committee is supportive of proposed CVA Accountability Committee calendar for 2009-2010.
 - e. Goals - BOD will set the general direction then turn over to committee. Then the committee will have the BOD review specifics.
 - f. Reviewed handout of possible results of policy for 2009-2010.

- e) Executive Director –Tony Carey
 - a. Spelling Bee-noted the perseverance of our spelling bee winner who is also an ESL student. Did not make it through state spelling bee but is looking forward to next year's competition.
 - b. Waiting for district to clarify about special education.
 - c. Enrollment- going well with advertising continuing.
 - d. Language for background checks on Board members.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Accountability Committee goals and results policies.
Covered by S. Stevens Carter's report.

Director and Committee Reports - None

Adjourned Regular session at 8:15 PM

Executive Session – CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) personnel matter.

Motion to open Executive Session at 8:20 PM made by: S. Ramsaur, Second by: J. Davis.
Motion to close Executive Session and reconvene Regular Session at 8:55 PM made by: S. Ramsaur, Second by M. Ingino.

Action Agenda

- a) Board Officer Elections-Tabled until all board members are present.
Motion made by: J. Davis, Second by: S. Jarrett. Approved by unanimous consent.



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- b) Items from executive session
 - i. Executive Director 2009/10 Contract
Motion to approve Executive Director 2009/10 contract made by: S. Jarrett, Second by: J. Davis. Roll call: S. Jarrett: Aye. S. Ramsaur: Aye. J. Davis: Aye. M. Ingino: Aye. J. Felix, Absent.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM made by: S. Ramsaur, Second by: M. Ingino.