

The Ranches Academy
School Council Meeting Minutes

June 9th, 2011

7:00 pm
@ The Ranches Academy

School Council Members Present: Kammi Orr, Rowd Robbins, Stephanie Colson, Jason Haskell, DeAnne Williams, Kammi Pyles (arrived 8:00 pm) and director Susie Scherer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Motion to adopt June Agenda by Rowd Robbins, 2nd by Jason Haskell, carried unanimously.

Introduction of new Council Members Kami Orr and DeAnne Williams. Brief explanation of duties and open meeting rules.

Motion to approve May Minutes by Jason Haskell, 2nd by Rowd Robbins, carried unanimously.

Susie and Stephanie explained council confidentiality agreement and council members signed agreement. Susie and Stephanie explained purpose of closed vs. open sessions of council meetings.

Motion by Jason Haskell to go to closed session, 2nd by Rowd Robbins, motion carried unanimously. Council entered closed session for personnel discussion.

Nexus and Red Apple presented information regarding school expansion.

Jeff Beesinger of Red Apple discussed financing and loan possibilities.

Expansion meets criteria for USDA loan. It is a lengthy process but has lower interest rates. It is a rural loan that picks up ½ of the loan and the bank buys the other half. The best option would be to re-finance the entire school using this loan and include the expansion in it. School is looking to use reserves to pay for expansion. Jeff will e-mail out options next week.

Jeff Davis and Larry Odham of Nexus presented expansion plans.

Discussed possibility of using LDS church for drop off and pick up during parking lot expansion. Another option would be to get the parking lot construction started and finished faster so would be done before school starts. Either get the bid package for the entire project out early using a qualification based bid or issue a separate bid for the parking lot to get it done faster. The second option may cause addition fees.

City requires berm of grass between cars and street, otherwise city was okay with parking lot plans.

Plans for expansion include new conference room, new kitchen (no equipment), multipurpose room, and 2 bathrooms to meet code.

Expansion needs non-combustible metal framing.

Tilt-up concrete to match existing stucco design is the most durable and cost effective material. New roof would match existing roof.

Newest cost estimate is \$427,733. Cost only for construction, does not include survey, architectural fees, code review, kitchen consultant, etc.

Reviewed pricing and options presented by Big D Construction.

Discussed platform options and uses. Platform will be a permanent structure.

Nexus will hardwire multi-purpose room for a sound system and look into cost for projector in conference room. They will also find solutions for acoustics and a sound system for multi-purpose room.

Kami Orr suggested getting volunteers to help with some aspects of construction. Council decided there would be insurance and other issues with using volunteers and will contract out all work.

Timelines for completion were reviewed. Project is currently on schedule with the meeting with city complete and site survey next week.

Bid for project is a 2 stage process. First companies are selected based on qualifications only, then they will bid out.

Motion to appoint a steering committee for expansion project by Stephanie Colson. 2nd by Jason Haskell. Passed unanimously. Steering committee started with Stephanie Colson, Susie Scherer, Kammi Pyles, and Jason Haskell as members.

Motion to approve 2010-2011 budget by Jason Haskell. 2nd by DeAnn Williams, motion passed unanimously.

Matt Lovell presented 2011-2012 proposed budget.

Motion to approve 2011-2012 proposed budget by Jason Haskell. 2nd by Kammi Pyles, motion passed unanimously.

Susie Scherer reviewed SPED Policies with council.

Motion to approve changes to SPED policies by Jason Haskell, 2nd by DeAnn Williams, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of attending Utah State Charter Conference on June 15th and 16th.

Discussion of internal monitoring procedures.

September 8th 2011 set as date for next School Council Meeting.

No public comment.

Adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted
Kammi Pyles, Secretary