

Moab Charter School
358 E. 300 S. Moab, UT 84532

Board Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2015, 5:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Alan Dennis, Scott Newton, Jimmy Walling, Shelley Kasprick, Kari Hunsaker

Others Present: Emma, Weiss, Carrie Ann Smith, Melissa Roy, Gerlit Buffington, Krissy Post, Chelsi Olson, Pete Basinger, Sarah LaBrec, Andrea Ball, Karisa Larsen, Jen Patterson, Tracy Renn, Kelly Vagts, (and another parent whose name I don't know)

- I. **Welcome** – Jimmy W. called meeting to order.

- II. **Community/Staff Input** –
 - Staff thanked board for Christmas gifts.
 - Kari Han needs help with BEACON program, it's a huge undertaking this year.

- III. **Approval of November 18, 2014 minutes** – Shelley made a motion to approve, Scott second.

- IV. **Finance Report – Lincoln** –
 - Cash position improved dramatically. Paid in advance well over what we normally receive so cash position/net income is overstated. The funding will be adjusted during the next received allotments.
 - Going forward, no cash position issues, good news!
 - Working with Emma on a budget revision to present at Feb. meeting – go over changes, increases in enrollment, private donations, additional tuition (students from Switzerland), etc.
 - Nothing stands out to be concerned about, nothing unexpected reg. budget.
 - Emma: When do we start working on next year's budget? March & April, says Lincoln. Bring finance committee in May.
 - Expenditures trending high, should we expect that going forward? Yes.
 - Why more money in checking account and less in savings? (Scott) Need @ 45 days worth of cash in checking to account for payroll, and other immediate items.
 - **Approval of financial reports** - Kari made the motion, Shelley second.

- **Approval of payment of bills** - N/A
- **Approval of annual audit report from Larson & Company** - Scott made the motion, Kari second.

V. Director's Report – Emma –

- Shamus (sp?) @ Synergy has been super helpful with computer/IT issues. David in process of building new server, old server was not performing; cost @ \$4,500.
- National School Choice Week – Jan. 27th @ morning circle, students will do a National Charter School dance!! ☺
- Accreditation moved to March 23rd or 24th. Emma will let us know, they like to have lunch with the board.
- Accreditation process: Emma attended an accreditation conference; we have a lot to do to get ready for the accreditation. Will be talking with teachers about what she needs from them. Want to make sure our vision/mission is still something we believe in.

VI. Mission & Vision Statement Development –

- Is our mission/vision statement still what we want?
- What does STEM/STEAM mean? Innovative, non-traditional, progressive, creative thinking, avoid being stagnant. Avoid letting it become just a “buzz word”.
- Produce critical thinkers
- Ties to community
- Professional development
- Huge discussion on technology in the classrooms – must be educational but not replace the learning from the teacher.
- Small class sizes is very valuable, very important. (Move to mission statement?)
- Parent surveys will help board form school goals
- Accreditation process requires a 5-year plan from school.
- Emma will be assembling all of our ideas from tonight's exercise and send it out to all parents.

VII. Adjournment – Shelley made motion to adjourn, Alan second.