

ASPEN RIDGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL
Public Board Meeting
March 11, 2011

The Board of Directors of Aspen Ridge Preparatory School, Inc. held a Public Board Meeting on Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Rose Café in Erie. The session was posted and advertised on the school's website.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Allison Schnell, President; Cindi Herrera, Treasurer/Secretary (via speaker phone); Sherrie Reed, Vice-President; Nupur Singh, Board Member; and Traci Silva, Board Member.

GUESTS PRESENT: Two (2) members from the public attended the meeting in person.

With Ms. Schnell presiding, the meeting was called to order at 9:39am. A quorum was present.

Ms. Schnell called for an approval of the agenda which was motioned by Sherrie Reed and seconded by Traci Silva. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Schnell moved on to the agenda.

Item 1: For the enrollment update, Ms. Schnell reported that following the lottery held on February 15, enrollment was completed for 212 students. She stated that 1st and 2nd grade classes were full, but a few openings remained in 3rd, 4th, 5th grades and kindergarten.

Item 2: Ms. Silva gave an update on the school uniform policy, citing concerns over the requirement of belts and shirts needing to be tucked in. The concern raised by Ms. Silva includes the validity of enforcing such a requirement given the priority to focus on academic concerns. She also cited concerns with belt use and bathroom use for young children. Further, many articles of children's clothing do not have belt loops and some body types are not suited for tucked in shirts. Ms. Reed suggested that the discussion be tabled until the site staff could review the policy and make recommendations. Ms. Schnell moved that Ms. Silva revise the Uniform Policy to remove the clauses requiring belts and shirts tucked in. Ms. Silva seconded the motion. Ms. Singh and Ms. Herrera voted yeah, while Ms. Reed abstained. The motion carried.

PE uniforms were discussed without a motion or vote. It was generally agreed that this policy would be revisited by a parent committee with Principal involvement.

Item 3: Ms. Schnell discussed the process for teacher recruitment as approved in a previous meeting. Ms. Reed, Ms. Singh and Ms. Silva will recruit at the Peak to Peak Charter School Teacher Job Fair on March 12, 2011 and Ms. Reed and Ms. Herrera will recruit at the UNC Teacher Job Fair on April 7-8, 2011. Recommendations from recruiters will be reviewed and interviewed by Ms. Schnell and the Principal candidate, if approved and hired. Final selections recommended to the Board for approval in April. No vote was necessary.

Item 4: Ms. Schnell gave a budget update, stating that projections from the state are a 3-4% cut. The draft budget for Aspen Ridge Preparatory school was presented to St. Vrain Valley School District at their March meeting with minimal questions. No vote was necessary.

Item 5: Ms. Reed gave an update on the Start-up Grant, stating that she is working with Ms. Schnell in the requisitioning of equipment and materials approved in the start-up grant. She stated that the budget will need to be revised at least once due to updates and changes in prices and contracts with curriculum vendors. No vote was necessary.

Items from Board Members:

Ms. Reed inquired about the hiring of the Office Manager which is included in the Start-up Grant funding. Ms. Schnell stated this would be the next step and recommendations would be made to the Board at the April meeting.

Ms. Reed inquired about the Success for All contract. Ms. Reed volunteered to pursue this and prepare a recommendation for the April Board meeting.

At 10:15am the Board entered into Executive Session, thanking the public attendees for their attendance and requesting their leave.

Item 6: Ms. Schnell recommended the Board approve the appointment of Andria Hinman to the position of Principal of Aspen Ridge Preparatory School. Ms. Schnell made the motion, Ms. Singh seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Item 7: Ms. Silva motioned that Ms. Schnell be given the authority to move forward in hiring, salary, and contract negotiations with Ms. Hinman. Ms. Reed seconded. After a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32am through a motion made by Ms. Reed, seconded by Ms. Schnell and passing unanimously.