

Taylor's Crossing Public Charter School

Board Work Meeting Minutes 09-12-2018

Those in attendance:

Superintendent Wendt, Assistant Principal Mills, Financial Director Toop, Board Clerk Sterzick

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 6:06 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Chairman Taylor	Present
Board Vice-Chairman Rice	Excused
Board Treasurer Capener	Present
Board Secretary Montgomery	Present
Board Member Radford	Present
Board Member Cardon	Present
Board Member Andersen	Present

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Information Item)

Harbor Presentation

Delaine Shenton's sister, Michelle Stimpson, was a founding teacher with the Liberty Charter School in Boise. She was invited to the Board meeting to share her experience in developing Harbor programs. She was enthusiastic in going over Harbor concepts and non-negotiables developed at Liberty.

Preparation and usage of grade by grade concept boards was discussed. The boards help students pay attention and make a connection with what they are to learn.

The non-negotiables include 1) use direct teaching, 2) get attention by using real life stories to go along with teaching, 3) teachers join students at their lunch tables for lunch, 4) principal and assistant principal spend daily time in classrooms, 5) do not use documentaries in classroom.

There are different needs and concerns with students in the high school. Keeping the climate and culture has challenges when students not familiar with the Harbor method when they enter the high school. Mrs. Stimpson suggested teachers make a list of their five top problems and then try to figure out how to solve them before they happen. Teachers need to be inventive. Quotes on the walls is a good influence. Discipline in the high school was addressed. It should be the same as used in elementary school but addressed differently. One of her quotes is "what happens in

public is handled in public.” This is a standard for all students. Its important students learn that the self-discipline they learn in high school will be valuable in college and upcoming jobs. Use the elementary model: “let me help you”, “look to others”, “be kind, respectful, democratic.”

Retention of students in the high school was also discussed. Adding a sports program is a good idea.

Mrs. Stimpson shared her impression of Taylor’s Crossing when she entered the school. It has a good feeling and culture.

Administrator Goals

This item will be discussed in a future meeting.

Review/create/amend policy for alternate teacher/class special accommodations.

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Board Secretary Montgomery to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Treasurer Capener. The Board expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Stimpson’s insight. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

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