



March Alturas Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wed, March 20, 2024

Location: 2280 E 17th Street
Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Alturas Preparatory Academy

Time: 5:33

Board Members:

1. Jared Allen, *absent*
2. Candise Gilbert (Acting Chair)
3. Jaime Mayo (Secretary)
4. Lee Stimpson (Treasurer)
5. Kevin King
6. Richa Kohli Sabharwall, *absent*
7. Shay Mattingly

I. Network of Schools

A. Call to Order

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items (15 minutes total - 3 minutes/person)

C. Consent Agenda - ACTION ITEM

1. February Alturas Board Meeting Minutes
2. AIA Financials for February
3. APA Financials for February

Jaime Mayo motioned to approve the consent agenda. Kevin King seconded. PASSED.

D. Board Meeting Business

1. Emergency School Closure, March 6 - ACTION ITEM

Lee Stimpson motioned to approve the emergency closure on March 6. Kevin King seconded. PASSED.

2. 2024-2025 School Calendar - ACTION ITEM

Kevin King motioned to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar for both AIA and APA.

Lee Stimpson seconded. PASSED.

3. Securing Our Future Grant/Technology Safety

Grant from Idaho State, and is specifically for safety and security at AIA. For AIA, admin would like to update cameras and door security. This second grant would allow us to finish updating the security protocols for AIA. Notice of funding should occur by early June.

E. Policies - ACTION ITEM(S)

F. Executive Director Report

1. Expansion - Brian

Michelle:

Michelle is on the Idaho Charter network board now from Bluum. Treasure Valley Classic, Elevate, Alturas, GemPrep also on the board.

Karina van Pelt has been hired as our fellow through Bluum to train for 2 years to run the Rigby elementary.

Jennifer from Bluum came up and did a review, particularly over the Special Ed services. It went well; she'll be bringing other Bluum schools to come and learn from us.

Hillary from JKAF board will come in early April

Mike Caldwell over academics will come.

Hollister from Twin Falls is interested in modeling their school after Alturas. Teachers and school leaders have been visiting.

Charter in Lava is also considering modeling their school after Alturas.

Trainer came in for training to support best practices in discipline and classroom management. Went really well; we were already quite aligned.

Covey leadership training previously went well; so now students will receive leadership training, Leader in Me, next year. We have a grant to support half the costs.

Leadership training for school leaders, teachers. Board is invited Apr 12, 2024 .

Did meetings for 5th graders coming to 6th and 8th graders coming into 9th, and other meetings for parents as well, about the middle school and high school offerings.

Do a big social event per trimester (like the Gravity Factory trip the middle schoolers took).

Brian:

Charter school growth fund (similar to Bluum but on the national level). Bluum hosts a retreat in November with the types of national organizations. Met with Marcia Aaron (on Bluum's board) from Charter School Growth Fund about getting funding for training and mentoring programs. She'll be visiting April 10th.

Cole ___ working with Brian Wilson to find location for Rigby school.

Charter will be submitted in the August commission meeting. Funding for land, etc. will be secured so we can move forward. Charter needs to be written and approved before funding. CSP written by in January 2025. Meeting with the Rigby Chamber of Commerce and Rigby superintendents to let them know our plans.

501c3 will be in the works.

90% teacher retention rate. 5 of the 6 teachers we will be replacing are moving out of the area.

May 30th graduation at Snake River Waterfront.

80s fundraiser dance for adults, April 12th.

II. Alturas International Academy

1. Lottery/enrollment update

III. Alturas Preparatory Academy

1. Lottery/enrollment update
2. Alternative Authorization for Aaron Shwartzentbart, Physics - ACTION ITEMS

Jaime Mayo motioned to approve the alternate authorization for Aaron Shwartzentbart. Shay Mattingly seconded the motion. PASSED.

IV. Adjourn 6:50