



# VISTA CHARTER SCHOOL

*Pioneering an Individualized - Alternative Approach to Learning*  
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Vista Charter School Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2013  
Vista Charter School Library  
Regular Meeting 4:00 p.m.

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

BJ Brown-2014, Vice President  
Linda Lake-2013, Secretary-Treasurer  
Carol Parker-2013  
Russ Stone-2015, President  
Sharon Watkins-2015

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

N/A

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Beth Sass, Administrator  
LeAnna Spadafora, Secretary

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by president, Russ Stone, at 4:00 p.m.

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the December 19, 2012 meeting were approved as presented and will be filed.  
**Agenda:** The agenda was amended as follows: add under Discussion Items - Survey and Credits; under Action Items – Carol Parker resignation

## **PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

There was none.

## **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

The Board received the Principal's Report in advance. Items discussed further were:

- Financial: Beth Sass clarified questions about the financial report due to the BEST grant.
- Security: We are ordering RAPTOR – a system which allows you to run a check on all visitors before they enter the school; Beth Sass will check on bullet proofing the rest of the exterior doors and their complimentary side windows
- Building ceiling leaks are still being investigated
- Beth Sass reported that the staff has been discussing extending class period times and issues related to truant 16 year olds.
- Ms. Sass provided the board with credit-earned data

## **BOARD REPORT**

There was none.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Summer school:** The staff is considering offering a summer school this year. It would be run by one of our staff members, specifically for our own students but open to district students, tuition would be charged to all students (PEAK is charging \$150 per class), and it would be mostly online with the building open a couple of days per week for students to check in with the teacher

**Orientation Class:** Beth is considering a mandatory 10-day “orientation class” for new students to test their commitment and give them an opportunity to learn how Vista works before beginning our individualized classroom setting.

**Transition Year:** Beth Sass has spoken with Faith DeRosia, the district HR person about the verbiage regarding a 110/transition year for retiring employees. The district allows this on a case by case basis for hard to hire positions. If allowed, a person retires, continues to work for up to 110 days per calendar year, and draws not only their retirement pay but a salary as well. The retiree pays all of their own PERA deduction. The board suggested that Vista is also under this policy unless it is addressed by one of our original charter waivers.

**Parent Survey:** The meeting packets contained a copy of a possible parent survey to be handed out at parent-teacher conferences to all parents. LeAnna will also provide contact information sheets to be updated and corrected by parents.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Carol Parker Resignation:** *It was moved by Brown and seconded by Lake to accept the resignation of Carol Parker from the board. Motion passed 5-0* Carol was thanked for the time and energy she has poured into the position, and was asked to consider speaking at the school’s May graduation ceremony.

Linda Lake will develop an ad for the position and advertise in the newspaper. The board members were also asked to contact people who have expressed interest in serving to let them know a position is open. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to fill the position left vacant through September, 2013, then reapply if still interested.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

## **ADJOURN**

*It was moved by Brown and seconded by Lake to adjourn. Motion approved 4 -0.* The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting will be February 20, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.