

DAVINCI ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND THE ARTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEMIMONTHLY MEETING

**MINUTES**  
**25 JANUARY 2006**

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**DASA Board Members:**

Paul Butterfield, President	Absent
Eric Stroup, Vice President	Absent
Eric Matheson, Treasurer	Present and Presiding
Dan Earley	Present
Keith Henderson	Absent
Iain Hueton	Present
Debbie Legge	Present
Joe Oliva	Absent
Cami Orr	Present
Jean Sharp	Present

**DASA Director of Academic Services:**

Lewis Reese, Principal	Present
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**DASA Community Development Director:**

Nancy Jones	Present
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**1. Meeting Opening**

Quorum established at 5:43pm and meeting called to order

**2. Public Comment**

Mrs. Taylor: All books are cataloged and ready for Dewy Decimal. This will be offered as a project for student volunteers to be used toward community service hours, eagle scout awards, etc.

Welcome Paula Dugan and Eric Amsel, who have expressed interest in joining the DaVinci Academy Board of Directors.

**3. Officer Elections**

Board status summary:

Paul Butterfield has taken a job offer in Spanish Fork and has resigned from the position of board president.

Two executive positions for (1)President of the Board and (2) Secretary for the Board with 2-year term posts are currently available.

The board opened the floor to nominations for open positions.

President nominees:

(1) Debbie Legge. Ian nominated, Cami seconded, Debbie accepted.

(2) Eric Matheson. Cami nominated, Dan seconded, Eric accepted.

Nominations closed with two candidates and discussion began.

Debbie Legge: Future success of the school will require a commitment from the board like we've not seen before. We MUST get 400 students for next year—Must. I have lofty goals, and I am busy. I have no time for nonsense. I expect a lot of myself and the people I work with. I have a very full plate and will not take full responsibility of all board actions, but I will take the responsibility to delegate activities required to make things happen.

Eric Matheson: I am not aspiring to be President of this board, but I do like the idea of offering a choice of candidates for voting purposes. One of my biggest questions is will our school ever run at a point that is not crisis mode? Sustainment has not yet happened and I don't believe it will until we have a graduating class. I think the president's position is an important position at this point. I am a concerned parent anxious to develop curriculum because my son will be a senior next year. If I am elected president, I will focus on curriculum and keeping board meetings on track. I am not in a position to be at the school during the day, because of my work schedule. My contacts/network are all on the military side, i.e. Hill AFB, government contractors, etc.

Question called and election took place by written ballot.

Debbie Legge was unanimously selected as DASA's new President of the Board.

Election of the Secretary followed the same format.

Principal Lewis Reese stated that office staff (Shirley or Alexis) can be in attendance at all of our meetings to take minutes. Minute taking at the board meetings is a part of their official job descriptions and both are willing to assist with this task.

(1) Cami Orr. Iain nominated, Dan seconded, Cami accepted.

(2) Jean Sharp. Cami nominated, Iain seconded, Jean declined.

(3) Iain Hueton. Debbie nominated, Cami seconded, Iain declined.

Nominations were closed with only one nomination accepted. Cami was elected to the Secretary position by unanimous vote.

#### **4. Committee Reports**

##### Marketing/Recruiting: Cami Orr

Mr Reese announced that we currently have 57 students signed up for next year. Open enrollment begins January 30<sup>th</sup> and closes March 15.

Cami met with the faculty last week in an effort to brain storm ideas for marketing and recruiting. Many great ideas came of this brainstorming session and several ideas will get massaged and ready to implement with the marketing plan due on Feb 28.

Dan mentioned that a new bill in the works will dictate that Public Schools inform the parents of their students of the charter schools in the area. In essence we can expect the all schools will have to make a mailing list of their students available to other schools for recruiting purposes.

##### Fundraising: Debbie Legge

Friends of DaVinci campaign going strong with over 100 invitations mailed last week. Currently only one confirmed RSVP, but it is still early. We will need a little more involvement with the board to get the Gala dinner under way.

An attorney, Steve Sloan of Van Cott, Bagley, Cornwall, and McCarthy of Salt Lake has been tasked to begin paperwork for a 501(c)3 for DaVinci Foundation.

The process can be accomplished as soon as six months to gain proper standing. Motion was made, seconded, and passed, to accept the current Board of Directors as the Board for the new 501c(3) for the foundation. It is possible to use the same personnel as those in the Board of Directors for the school as long as the executive officers are different from that of the board.

Strategic Plan: Iain Hueton

Now that the A3 is in place for the school as a whole, we can drill down and develop our own A3s for each committee.

Mentorship Program—the manual is complete and we have 12 students enrolled who are beginning workplace training workshop (3hours) from Workforce Services in February. The program is ready to implement.

**5. Student Comment**

None. No students present.

**6. Old Business**

None

**7. New Business**

Debbie: Discussion on personal laptops. PC Laptops is completing a more formal bid to provide one for each student. There will be money to fund the laptops from WPU money if we are able to get 400 students. Personnel from PC Laptops will present to the board next meeting. A rough estimate for computers is \$800 to \$1000 per machine with full tech support. They are willing to repair on location. This may also be a good partnership for internships going forward.

Dan: Would like to know reasons why some schools have said yes to laptops and some have said no. What are pros and cons from other schools that have tried it. Discussion tabled until next meeting. Need to know other models that we can borrow and learn from, to not repeat the same mistakes of others.

Board moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

A long term Art sub has been interviewed from a list of interested candidates. The sub has accepted the temporary position with the knowledge that he can apply for the permanent position when it is opened.

Executive session closed. Reconvened to open board session.

**8. Adjourn**

Debbie made a motion to close the meeting at 7:25pm. Motion was seconded by Jean Sharp.

Next meeting will be February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm at the school.