



Board Meeting Agenda
 Thursday, December 8th, 2011 4:00 P.M.
 John Adams Academy campus
 One Sierragate Plaza, Roseville, CA 95678

Slogan

Developing Servant Leaders....Restoring America's Heritage

I. PRELIMINARY

- A. Call to Order 4:06
- B. Pledge
- C. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Dean Forman	<u> X </u>	_____
Cindi Sherrod	<u> X </u>	_____
Norman Gonzales	<u> X </u>	_____
Paul Savage	<u> X </u>	_____
Bryan Favero	<u> X </u>	_____

- D. Thought of the Day

II. Approval of Previous Minutes – November 10, 2011 minutes and October 27, 2011 minutes. *Savage motion to approve previous minutes. Favero second. Unanimous approval.*

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time in which anyone in the audience may address the Board for three (3) minutes on any item that is not on the agenda. (The Board has the discretion to restrict public comments to those matters it deems relevant to its subject matter jurisdiction. Govt. Code Sect. 54954.3)
A parent shared a concern about parents having no access to AERIES/gradebook (parent portal model).

IV. Announcements- Information Only Section

A. Updates: AERIES (files, accuracy), Thank you cards with logo, Upper grade Social/Dance, Review of Paideia training and Roseville Parade, Math Curriculum, Evaluation Committee, Parent TJED Discussion Groups, Work Party, Site Council, Playground
Jay Stewart presented first Financial Action Report (as of October 31). Second update will be as of January 31st. Budget numbers are good. Cash flow is a problem, especially because of state money that doesn't come until July/August. Board would like to meet after January (after governor's budget is released) to make financial plans. Jay will be able to present in January regarding new changes and their effects.
AERIES – we are 98% clear on CALPADS report. We are waiting for Surewest to complete one step before a T line can be in place. Attention to attendance (also for budget purposes) is important. Thank you cards were received and are in main office. 6th/7th grade social tomorrow; 8th-10th Dance next Friday. Paideia training last Friday was excellent. Feedback from Paideia is

impressive – that our level of running Paideia is 2nd/3rd year level. Roseville Parade was okay. Marketing can be improved and quality will be a target. Saxon math curriculum was received last week. Training happened today. Textbooks will be handed out Monday. Evaluation committee met the last two weeks, gathered info from other districts, generated ideas. TJEd Discussion Group Training happened last night. Next Wednesday will be the first discussion group (Chapters 1-3) using Paideia Seminar format. Work Party this Saturday. Designing walls/doors for MPR and building furniture. Recommendation to really recognize and use our Community Members in Site Council. No word on playground. Updated message will go out to parents. Online store will be fully up soon. First Bingo style fundraiser for 6th grade science trip (monthly January – March). For all ages, including food. No cash prizes. Valley Oaks will be contacted to get more information on umbrella coverage/possibilities for driver's insurance. We will look at property damage coverage limits again next month. New student/family interviews are instituted and going well. A very local school is closing next year.

- B. Enrollment Update
601 is current number
- C. Facility Update
Punch lists are still being worked on. They are close to being final.
- D. Employee handbook and change of clerical staff work calendar, Loomis
Discussion moved to related action item.
- E. Josh Robinson's report
Discussion moved to closed session.
- F. Monday lunches with upper grade students and board members
Previous topics: honor/integrity, entrance to college, etc. Cindi/Norman will come on Monday. Paul will cover December 19th.
- G. Fundraiser Committee Update and Benevon materials (Sherrod)
Tour this morning with three guests. In January, we will move to two tours/month. Benevon is a sustainable fundraising tool. It is a great community outreach, as well.
- H. Loomis presentation 12/15, 7:00 p.m., Placer Elementary Library - power point
Loomis has three new board members since we last introduced them to JAA. 10 minute presentation.
- I. Juan Barillas and setting up a Sports Committee
- J. Update on Volunteering/fingerprinting
In the future, parents will be able to “chair” a large social event to complete all/a majority of their volunteer hours. A suggestion to look at one clerical staff involved with all volunteer issues.
- K. Teacher concern over state testing performance and current levels of work
Some teachers express concern over current writing samples and possible difficulty once we get to state testing. A possible suggestion of mid-term assessments and then approaching the board if teacher needs help remediating students. Encourage teachers to review student cums. Some teachers, even with constant communication, are finding that parents aren't always giving the academic support at home. Board is concerned that parents maybe don't understand how the curriculum being taught aligns with state standards. Board wonders if we need set math curriculum for other grades. Board also encourages staff and board to aggressively find ways that we can remediate within the vacuum of the classroom. Board questions if the highest level kids are being challenged.

V. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Board Bylaws/Amendments (Forman)
Favero motion to approve first Interim Financial Report. Sherrod second. Unanimous approval. Forman motion to amend bylaws as proposed. Favero second. Unanimous approval.
- B. Fundraiser Policy (Rose)
No action. Gabriel Hydrick will bring a proposal to next month's meeting.

- C. 2012-2013 School Calendar (start date, length of day, number of total academic minutes that the Board wants, etc)
Principal Rose's preference is more time in the classroom. Same length of day and more days in the year. He will put together 3 calendars (start before Labor Day, start after Labor Day, shortening the school day) as soon as possible for review. Will be voted on next meeting.
- D. Site Council Proposed Activities Calendar and Budget (Rose)
Sherrod motion to approve the three items on the agenda that have budgets attached. Also, to approve the following three activities, predicated on receiving a budget, with possible need for Site Council to fund, drop activity, or find other solution. Savage second. Unanimous approval.
- E. Signage proposals (Gonzales)
Sherrod motion to approve two directory signs (full area) and using our normal logo on monument. General fund will be used for all. Favero second. Unanimous approval.
- F. Surewest Directory
Board would like to pass on print directories. Bryan Favero will look at the SureWest online options and will forward the item to next board meeting. No action.
- G. Performing Arts Room Proposal – Valrie Jensen
Ms. Jensen explained that the upper grades are where we bring everything together for the “finishing process”. The performing arts would improve our brand and have positive academic impact. Dean motion to have a room set aside for performing arts, to approve a roll-up vinyl flooring, paid through general fund. Principal Rose will approach the Site Council for funding of other related proposals. Ms. Jensen suggested Room 13. Special Education will be moved to Room 1 or 9.
- H. Other items:
Dean discussed challenging the students to read over the break. We should provide some motivation. Board will look at options to get Office on all computers in the lab. Findings will be decided upon at next meeting. Bryan discussed the negative impact of the last email blast regarding pick-up procedures. He will write another email to go out in response in a different “voice”.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

A. Principal Review

IX. Public Report of Action Taken on Closed Session Items, Including the Vote of Every Member

VI. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, January 12th 4:00 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – Time _____ 10:00 _____

Vision

The John Adams Academies are restoring America’s heritage by developing servant-leaders who are keepers and defenders of the principles of freedom for which our Founding Fathers pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor.

Values

*John Adams Academy is preparing future leaders and statesmen through principle-based education. Our core values include:
 Appreciation of our national heritage*

Public and private virtue
Emphasis on mentors and classics
Student-empowered learning
Fostering creativity and entrepreneurial spirit
High standards of academic excellence
Modeling what we teach
Abundance mentality
Maintaining a culture of greatness