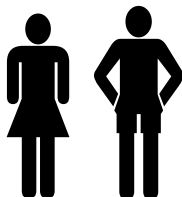


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**ELECTION FOR POSITION ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

At least one Board member position is filled each year by a vote of parents. This election was conducted the week of September 17th. Brandon Clarke was elected to serve on the Board of Trustees for a one-year term. At the meeting on October 11th, the Board ratified his election and welcomed him. Brandon will be heading up the task force that has been established to define more clearly the core strategic objectives, measurements, and tactical plans to better focus our efforts to ensure that our vision becomes a reality. With their recommendations, we will define what specifically we need to do in order to be the best and will align the school's initiatives, measurements, and activities with these criteria.



## Happy Halloween!

**CANYON RIM ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT**  
*The Board of Trustees held their October meeting on Thursday, October 11th. Included in this report is a summary of matters addressed at the monthly meeting.*

**Our Mission**

*Cultivate an environment of academic excellence where all children stretch to achieve their maximum potential and enjoy the fruits of personal academic accomplishment.*

**Our Vision**

*Create a school built upon the principles of collaboration, accountability, academic rigor, and empowerment to achieve the highest standards of excellence in elementary education.*

**We are required to form a TRUST LANDS COMMITTEE**

(made up of Principal Merry Fusselman, one or two teachers and elected parents). Responsibilities include:

1. Meeting to establish academic focus areas needing improvement.
2. Determining how trust lands money will be spent to help improve in these areas.
3. Writing and submitting a plan to the Utah State Office of Education to apply for these funds.

We plan to hold an election at parent/teacher conferences at the school on **November 14th & 15th**. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Shana Heyn at 485-6546 or via e-mail, [info@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:info@canyonrimacademy.org), by November 10th. Please consider volunteering—we need your input and support!

**NEW MASCOT!**

This week, the students were introduced to the new school mascot. We are officially the Canyon Rim Academy Falcons. Each classroom had a turn to attend a special presentation in the library by a volunteer with the Hawk Watch organization. During this presentation, students learned all about eagles, hawks, and falcons, and how to spot the four different varieties of falcons that can be seen in Utah. They were introduced to an American Kestrel falcon and learned about her huge eyes and beautiful markings. Students will have the opportunity to apply what they have learned by providing service to Hawk Watch and to falcons in Utah. Students can be proud to have the falcon as a school mascot!



**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Board reviewed budget and enrollment figures, including state loan funds we are eligible for to help with technology, curriculum, professional development, and other expenditures to improve learning at Canyon Rim Academy.

## PRINCIPAL REPORT



Principal Merry Fusselman reported that Canyon Rim Academy will be hiring a reading coach who will help teachers in implementing the reading programs.

Miss Merry presented enrollment data and also went over school lunch figures. She also recommended a change to the calendar which the Board approved. There will be a short day on Wednesday and Thursday, November 15th and 16th, and no school on Friday, November 16th. Please note these changes from what is posted online and in the first day packets.

Miss Merry presented the Board with letters of thanks from the fourth grade students in Ms. Driscoll's and Mrs. Coleman's classes. These letters are priceless and we wanted to share some of their comments with you:

—*Thank you for picking the best principal and the best teachers.*

(This was a common theme!)

—*How are you and your other helpers doing? We love you very much.*

—*It's my first time here and I am so proud of you.*

—*You've made this the best school in the world. I don't want it to be summer vacation for a long time.*

—*Thank you for fixing up the school (the school needed it).*

—*I'm glad you made this school because we can learn and have fun.*

—*I am excited that I get to be the first fourth grader ever! I can't wait until fifth and sixth grade here.*

—*You people all deserve a mansion.*

—*The week before school I was really nervous but now I am really liking school!*

—*This school is pretty cool because it has art, music and Spanish teachers!  
!Buenos Dias!*

—*Thank you for the brand new books and sorry that you had to spend all that money but thank you!*

—*This is the best school ever!*



**APPROVED PURCHASES:** The Board approved the purchase of computer monitors needed for the lab, and also approved various pieces of kitchen and serving equipment needed to implement our in-house hot lunch program. The Board approved the catering contract with Apple Spice Junction, who will continue to supply hot lunch until our kitchen is fully operational in the next few months.

**PTA REPORT:** PTA president Melinda Sorenson gave a report on PTA activities. They are busy! Thanks to everyone who helped with the Sally Foster fundraiser. Money earned from these fundraisers will directly benefit the students at Canyon Rim Academy. Anyone wishing to contact Melinda can e-mail her at [pta@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:pta@canyonrimacademy.org). Everyone is encouraged to be involved!

**Thanks!** The Board expressed thanks to Miss Merry, the PTA organization, and our outstanding faculty and staff for their continued hard work to make Canyon Rim Academy a successful and happy place to be. For more information, feel free to attend upcoming Board of Trustees meetings, or contact us at [info@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:info@canyonrimacademy.org).

## SAFETY PRESENTATION:

The Board heard a report by PTA Safety Commissioner, Cameron Peterson. Some of the things they are working on include putting together emergency kits for every student and staff members, updating the safety plan and providing copies to staff and parents, ensuring that appropriate drills are in place and that students are practicing regularly, placing a link on the webpage for parents to find the safety plan and other additional tips and information as appropriate, working with local law enforcement to ensure that the plan would be implemented properly if necessary, and ensuring the regular presence of local law enforcement around the school premises. The Board thanked Cameron for all of his efforts.

## Student Nutrition and Wellness Policy

The Board approved the Student Nutrition and Wellness Policy. Melissa Ruesch, Canyon Rim Academy's nutrition specialist and kitchen manager reviewed state requirements and discussed the plan. If you are interested in reading a copy of the plan, please visit the website. The Board thanked Melissa for all of her hard work to get this plan put together and to get the lunch program off to a great start. If you wish to communicate with Melissa, you can e-mail her at [nutrition@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:nutrition@canyonrimacademy.org). The Board also approved purchase of necessary kitchen equipment in order for us to begin providing hot lunch prepared on-site in January.