

SCSB NEWSLETTER



October 2024



Dear Charter School Leaders,

As we embark on the second quarter of the school year, we want to take a moment to recognize the incredible work you've done in shaping the lives of your students. Every day, you lead with passion, resilience, and a commitment to excellence, laying the foundation for future generations of innovators and critical thinkers. Your leadership is essential in fostering a learning environment that promotes curiosity, creativity, and growth.

Education is more than the transfer of knowledge—it's about unlocking potential and inspiring students to discover their own paths. As John Dewey said, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." His words remind us that what happens in the classroom today has a profound and lasting impact on how students engage with the world tomorrow.

This quarter brings new opportunities to empower students, nurture their unique talents, and encourage them to embrace challenges with confidence. Continue to lean into your strengths, collaborate with your teams, and celebrate the victories—both big and small—along the way.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication. Together, we are shaping the future, one student at a time.

SCSB Leadership Team



The Utah State Charter School Board Staff Updates

SCSB staff have continued to work on updating the Academic, Financial, and Operational frameworks. These frameworks will provide greater clarity for the schools we authorize and will drive our work over the coming years. Amber has also been working on updating the UCAP website, and establishing the SCSB a new YouTube Channel.

School visits and connecting with our schools is always a top priority. Brendan has taken the lead with scheduling and completing many comprehensive reviews this month. These meetings give staff a chance to come and see all of the exciting things that are happening in your school. Amy also presented at the Utah Science Teaching Association Conference and was able to connect with many of your science educators there. We love charter schools and charter educators!



October Board Meeting Update



The October Board meeting was the first time the board met at the new office space in Sandy. The morning kicked off with an open house and office tour. At 8:30am we met for a Signing Day event for two of our schools that were updating their charter agreement. It was exciting to see Vanguard Academy and Canyon Grove Academy sign their new charter agreement. We love celebrating the growth of our schools. We will coordinate with Utah Military Academy to sign their agreement in coming weeks.

The board had an opportunity to hear an update from the Utah Association of Public Charter Schools about the Federal CPS Grant that they were awarded. The board and staff are excited to see this grant in action. This is going to have an enormous impact on charter schools in coming years.

The board also had the opportunity to meet the newest staff member, Andrea Jones. Andrea will be working as an executive assistant. Be sure to say hello if you see her.



SCSB Board Meeting
November 14, 2024

SAVE THE DATE

Charter Director Monthly Meeting Updates



As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance Utah charter’s skills and knowledge, we are pleased to share with you the training videos for this month. These videos cover various topics for continuous improvement and success.

You can access the training videos and announcements through the following links:

1. [School LAND Trust- Charter Director Update \(October\)](#)
2. [Requirements for all public schools in identifying homeless children and youth \(October\)](#)
3. [Free supports available from USBE for literacy](#)

Please take the time to watch these videos at your convenience. If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out to any member of the SCSB team. We are here to be a supportive authorizer for you!

-Marie Steffensen, on behalf of the entire SCSB Team



We've Moved...

...to a New Location

We have moved our offices. We are now located in the Utah Department of Human Services DCFS Building. Parking is located in the rear of the building.



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