



ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 17, 2023

5:00 pm

**Meeting Location:
The Den
5862 C St.
Chino, CA 91710**

View Online: <https://zoom.us/j/94095362729>

Telephone: (669) 900-6833; Meeting ID: 940 9536 2729

MEETING MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS

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1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the meeting. Note that the order of business on this agenda may be changed without prior notice. For more information on this agenda, please contact Allegiance at: info@asathrive.org
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Public Comments.”
3. “Public Comments” are set aside for members of the audience to comment. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not take action. The public is invited to address the Board regarding items listed on the agenda. Comments on an agenda item will be accepted during consideration of that item, or prior to consideration of the item in the case of a closed session item. Please turn in comment cards to the Board Secretary prior to the item you wish to speak on. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes.
4. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, Allegiance STEAM Academy may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order to participate in Board meetings are invited to contact Allegiance STEAM Academy.

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at _____ 5:08PM _____.

B. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Troy Stevens, President	__X__	_____ Arrived at 5:13PM
Marcilyn Jones, Secretary	__X__	_____
Samantha Odo, Treasurer	__X__	_____
Claudia Reynolds, Member	__X__	_____
Shantay Thompson, Member	__X__	_____

C. Student Celebrations:

a. Costa Rica Trip

Mr. G presented a highlight video. Student speakers; Lauren Odo, Gavin Stevens and Aiden Okamoto.

b. Odyssey of the Mind

Mrs. Cunningham led a student presentation from student team members. One coach and one parent also spoke.

D. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for April 17, 2023

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting for April 17, 2023.

Motion: ___Sam ___ Second: ___Shantay___ Roll Call: ___Passes 5-0___

II. Public Announcement for Reason for Closed Session:

A. Public Comments on Closed Session Items

Comments related to closed session items shall be limited to no more than three minutes. If you wish to speak on an item that will be discussed in a closed session, please turn in a comment card to the Board Secretary.

No Comments

B. Closed Session- For Discussion/Possible Action

Potential Litigation: One Matter

Closed Session @ 5:50PM

Opened Session back @ 7:13PM

III. Open Session:

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comments- Items not on the Agenda

No individual presentations shall be for more than three (3) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

No Comments

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Update from Parents and Community for Kids

No Update Provided

2. School Site Council Report

Dr. Cognetta stated that Mrs. Valenta found digital assemblies for the Anti-Bullying. They are still searching for more vendors.

3. PAL Report

Mrs. Brooks - 7th grade has been promoting Earth Day with an art activity for the whole school. Multicultural week is coming up in May. 8th grade is planning a "Glow Dance" middle school dance party on Friday, April 28th.

4. Staff Report - ASA Chino

Mrs. Cunningham stated that we had a recent jousting event on campus to celebrate the Renaissance. CAASPP testing on-going. Odyssey have done well, Debate team had a great tournament this past weekend and gave thanks to Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Garcia. The ASA Track team did very well this past weekend at the City of Chino track meet. Excellent turnout and performance! Thanks to Mr. Alex, Mrs. Verdin, Ms. Lopez and Ms. Okamoto. Pie in the face celebration held at the end of the day Friday for the Middle School Pi Day competition. Live Wolves Assembly shared. Recent Reign night held last Friday. CUE conference was a great experience, a highlight being a session on AI.

5. Principal's Report - ASA Chino

Mrs. Lazo shared how Dr. Cognetta recently shared how we "aren't winding down but ramping up!" CAASPP testing underway and continuing for the next two weeks. Summer school is being planned now, invite only. 8th grade promotion will be held at Chino High. The week highlights have been great recaps on all we do here at ASA.

6. Principal's Report - ASA Fontana

Mr. Espinoza shared that 397 students have applied for enrollment in Fontana. With better weather, recruitment will resume in neighborhoods. Spanish/English tours will continue at 10 per week via Hello Campus. Have kept busy interviewing candidates for new staff. Please help to spread the word about hiring. Mr. Espinoza recently went to the

CCSA conference and brought back a lot of good information and great networking opportunities.

7. CEO's Report

Dr. Cognetta shared how it's an exciting time with many milestones. Our staff is keeping a growth mindset and knows how important it is when sha[ping] the lives of children. Grateful for this team. Compensation update-recently reviewed budget and ensured that our salary schedule will be able to beat the average for next year across the organization. By April 19th, we should have a final offer for our Fontana campus. LCAP survey results shared as of today.

D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT:

- 1. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors March 6, 2023**
- 2. Check Register for February, 2023**

Motion: ___ Marcy ___ Second: ___ Sam ___ Roll Call: ___ Passes 5-0 ___

E. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- 1. Financial Update for February, 2023**

(see attached)

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Adopt and approve the Financial Update for February, 2023

Motion: ___ Claudia ___ Second: ___ Sam ___ Roll Call: ___ Passes 5-0 ___

- 2. Revised FY23 Budget- ASA Chino**

(see attached)

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Adopt and approve the Revised FY23 Budget - ASA Chino

Motion: ___ Marcy ___ Second: ___ Shantay ___ Roll Call: ___ Passes 5-0 ___

- 3. Revised FY23 Budget- ASA Fontana**

(see attached)

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Adopt and approve the Revised FY23 Budget - ASA Fontana

Motion: ___ Sam ___ Second: ___ Troy ___ Roll Call: ___ Passes 5-0 ___

- 4. 2023-24 ASA Chino Academic Calendar**

(see attached)

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Adopt and approve the 2023-24 ASA Chino Academic Calendar

Dr. Cognetta stated that Chino added non student school days. We will continue with minimum days of Fridays. We are monitoring to see if this continues to be the best day. Troy suggested having staff meet with SCC and present both sides of why it works and why it doesn't.

Motion: ___ Sam ___ Second: ___ Troy ___ Roll Call: ___ Passes 5-0 ___

5. 2023-24 ASA Fontana Academic Calendar

(see attached)

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Adopt and approve the 2023-24 ASA Fontana Academic Calendar

Motion: ___ Marcy ___ Second: ___ Claudia ___ Roll Call: ___ Passes 5-0 ___

6. Reading Intervention and Assessment Quote: Words Their Way Classroom

(see attached)

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Adopt and approve the Reading Intervention and Assessment Proposal: Words Their Way Classroom in the amount of \$18,264.90

Mrs. Lazo has been piloting this curriculum with grades 1-5 and has enjoyed it so far.

Motion: ___ Marcy ___ Second: ___ Troy ___ Roll Call: ___ Passes 5-0 ___

7. Planetarium Projector Quotes:

(see attached)

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Adopt and approve the ePlanetarium Projector Quote for the amount \$14,275.00

Motion: ___ Sam ___ Second: ___ Shantay ___ Roll Call: ___ Passes 5-0 ___

F. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Comments from CEO

Thanked all of the staff for all that they do, in awe every day. As we grow both schools, it's important to remember what we do each day, shape lives. We are only ramping up, not winding down!

2. Comments from Board of Directors

Claudia Reynolds: *Had a teacher moment as she watched the students here tonight, felt it was a highlight as a board member watching all the things the students discussed and presented. Saw the happiness from the students and knows that this is what we work towards. Appreciated all those that help to make moments like this possible.*

Troy Stevens: *Thanked everyone for the inaugural 8th grade graduating class reunion. Meant a lot. Thanked everyone for the great turnout for our track meet. Challenged more to participate in Odyssey and take the community to help. Had an incredible experience in Costa Rica traveling with the 8th graders during Spring break. Would love to help out an area of Costa Rica that they visited and help their school and pursue furthering this conversation with Dr. Cognaetta.*

Marcy Jones: *Thanked the students that presented tonight. Congratulations to all the extra-curricular participants. Excited about state testing. Congratulations to Mrs. Lazo in her new position. Congratulated Mr. Espinoza for hitting his number on Fontana enrollment.*

Sam Odo: *Noticed social media updates growing and enjoying all the awesome updates. Knows that getting information out there is important. Thanked students for presenting tonight. Shared benefits of travel experience for my own daughter. Recognized all the work from Odyssey of the Mind. Congratulated Mr. Espinoza on the interest list for Fontana.*

Shantay Thompson: *Shout out to 3rd graders for Odyssey of the Mind. Noticed improvement in Social Media posts. Cannot wait to attend the 8th grade commencement ceremony.*

G. ADJOURNMENT

1. It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for April 17, 2023

Motion: Claudia Second: Sam Roll Call: Passes 5-0