



# BOARD MEETING AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY THRIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:00PM

***Meeting Location:***

5862 C St.,  
Chino, CA 91710

***Streaming Location:***

7420 Locust Ave.,  
Fontana, CA 92336

900 Wilshire Blvd,  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

[ZOOM LINK](#)

## AGENDA

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

Allegiance STEAM Academy- Thrive charter school ("Allegiance STEAM Academy"), also known as ASA Thrive, is a direct-funded, independent, public charter school operated by the Allegiance STEAM Academy nonprofit public benefit corporation and governed by Allegiance STEAM Academy, Incorporated corporate Board of Directors ("Board"). The purpose of a public meeting of the Board, is to conduct the affairs of Allegiance STEAM Academy in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope you will visit

these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our school.

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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_5:09PM\_\_\_\_.

### B. Roll Call (Present/Absent)

- Troy Stevens, Chair \_\_\_X\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- Marcilyn Jones, Secretary \_\_\_X\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- Samantha Odo, Treasurer \_\_\_X\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- Shantay Thompson, Member \_\_\_X\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- Shehzad Bhojani, Member \_\_\_X\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (Remote)

### C. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting April 8, 2024

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting for April 8, 2024.

Motion: \_\_\_Sam\_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_Shantay\_\_\_\_\_ Aye: \_\_5-0\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

## II. Open Session

### A. Pledge of Allegiance

### B. Items Scheduled for Information

1. Principal's Report - Chino

*Valenta - Nice to have families join. This will be our busiest week at ASA. The Partial Solar Eclipse Event was today led by our leadership students. Students and teachers enjoyed exploring. Wed 7th grade is wrapping up the Medieval Times with an on campus event. Friday will be a wacky science assembly as a reward for a positive slip challenge. The next few weeks will be having our CASSP testing and having quiet weeks on campus. Next Tuesday, April 16th Howling with the Principal to discuss what testing looks like. How you can help your students to be successful. PACK board has some openings for next school year. STEAM Live will be a school wide event on May 16th. End of the year will be coming fast. Monday we will be sending out progress reports.*

2. Principal's Report - Fontana

*Ross - Excited to be here tonight. As of today we are enrolled with 232 students. Students viewed the Solar Eclipse event. This Friday we will be having our 1st Musical performance. We are hosting a carnival day as well this Friday since the games were not available at the Festival. Chocolate fundraiser starts today for the school. Kona Ice April 24th, May 1st Chipotle, May 30th ChuckeCheese. Catalina island 5th grade trip is coming up. May 14th 2-4th Discovery Cube field trip. In the final stages for our 8th grade overnight San Diego trip. \$2951 was raised by leadership students for the trip. May will be a Riley's Farm trip. 7th grade will host a middle school dance. Last round of clubs is happening now. We are currently having 9 clubs. Progress Reports will go home via email April 19th.*

3. School Site Council Report

*No Report*

4. Student Leadership Report

*7th & 8th grade Leadership report - St Patricks Leprechaun Hunt Event, Shakespeare Unshackled Play, Best Buddies Program, World Kindness Day Activity,*

*Partial Solar Eclipse Event, Rachel's Closet, grateful for you all Board Members and being able to speak here tonight.*

5. PACK Reports

*Mrs. Campagna - Teacher Rep for PACK. Color Run was a success with \$40K, Spirit Wear sold online, Artist to paint the handball walls, Already planning assemblies for next year, open positions for next year, Currently planning Staff Appreciation Week and the End of Year Tailgate Party.*

**C. Student Celebrations**

1. Costa Rica

*8th grade trip to Costa Rica presentation by Nicole, current 8th grader*

**D. CEO Report**

*Cognetta - Costa Rica was an amazing trip. Watching students go outside of their comfort zone and the hike. Students had a sense of accomplishment and had a blast. We need more students to attend the trip and would love to help the families that cannot afford it. Carrie Birchler and I have started planning ways that families can start to save for the trip. Thank you to our students and staff for attending the Town Hall meetings. May we will be presenting both schools LCAPS. Public Charter School Grant Program we were conditional approved for the Teacher Residency Capacity Grant. This will allow us to pay our staff who are in school and working toward their education. We are at the end of our Strategic Plan Development and excited to expand this to our staff. Staff alignment is strong but can improve in some areas. Clarity around roles and responsibilities of the administration is something we are working on.*

*Shehzad - Is the grant state or charter? Next year's implementation?*

*Cognetta - Open to anyone, Districts and Charters. Yes, next year to build for 25-26.*

*Shehzad - Board Study Session have Bellwether feedback review recommendations?*

*Cognetta - Yes, we can do that.*

**E. Public Comments- Items not on the Agenda**

No individual presentations shall be for more than three (3) minutes. For Regular meetings of the Board, public comments are limited to agenda items only. 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.

**F. Items Scheduled for Consent:**

1. Minutes for the [Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, March 4, 2024](#)

2. Minutes for the [Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, March 25, 2024](#).

**3. Check [Register](#) for February, 2024**

Motion: \_\_\_Troy\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_Marcy\_\_\_ Aye: \_5-0\_\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

**G. Items Scheduled for Discussion/Action:**

**1. Revised FY23 Budget - ASA Chino**

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the FY23 Budget - ASA Chino

Motion: \_\_\_Troy\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_Marcy\_\_\_ Aye: \_5-0\_\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

**2. Revised FY23 Budget - ASA Fontana**

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the FY23 Budget - ASA Fontana

Motion: \_\_\_Marcy\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_Shantay\_\_\_ Aye: \_5-0\_\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

**3. Academic Calendar FY 24-25 Minimum Day -Chino**

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the Academic Calendar FY 24-25 Minimum Day- Chino:

- No changes to the current weekly dismissal day

*Cognetta presented the research conducted for the changes from both campuses and the community.*

*Troy commented about how much we have learned and value the staff and communities input. This change was about Professional Development not a vacation of getting out early. Happy that we have so many families here at the meeting. We always want to do what's best for our students and that will remain our goal. Would love to see more parents be involved. Thank you to Dr.Cognetta and staff for listening to the community.*

Motion: \_\_\_Sam\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_Marcy\_\_\_ Aye: \_5-0\_\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

**4. Academic Calendar FY 24-25 Minimum Day -Fontana**

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the Academic Calendar FY 24-25 Minimum Day- Fontana:

- **2024-25 School Year:** No changes to the current weekly dismissal day

- **2025-26 School Year: Change weekly early dismissal day to Friday.**

Motion: \_\_\_Sam\_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_Marcy\_\_\_\_\_ Aye: \_\_5-0\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

*Shantay asked about the Wednesday schedule for PD at Fontana.*

*Cognetta - after dismissal, PD will be held until about 5pm. Friday would be an early dismissal for staff and students.*

*Shantay - What are the contracted hours?*

*Cognetta - 40 hour work week, start and end time will be consistent with the PD and dismissal time. No teacher that is affected by this schedule will be eligible for overtime, instead that hours would just shift.*

### **5. Central Office Lease Agreement**

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the Central Office Lease Agreement with Sullivan Enterprises Company, LLC.

Motion: \_\_\_Marcy\_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_Troy\_\_\_\_\_ Aye: \_\_2\_\_ Nay: \_\_3\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

*Motion Denied*

### **6. McGraw Hill Curriculum Wonders 2023- Both Campuses**

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the McGraw Hill Curriculum Wonders 2023 not to exceed \$315,000.00.

Motion: \_\_Shantay\_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_Sam\_\_\_\_\_ Aye: \_\_5-0\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

*Dr. Moreno presented the new curriculum and why we are considering.*

*\$254,400 exact cost. Request a buffer for any changes or shipping changes.*

### **6. Amended Facility Use Agreement - FUSD**

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Approve and adopt the Amended **Facility Use Agreement - FUSD** and delegate authority to the CEO to finalize the agreement.

Motion: \_\_Shantay\_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_Sam\_\_\_\_\_ Aye: \_\_5-0\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_

Sebastian would like to update the recommendation. He would like to approve and adult the way it stands. We have received the final update. Asked to cover the cost of the

upgrades needed. The costs of the upgrades will be higher than the fee FUSD is charging us.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS**

### 1. Comments from the CEO

*Cognetta - Solar Eclipse Video shown made by Carrie Birchler. We never wind down on our campuses and are committed to finish stronger. Thank you all.*

### 2. Comments from the Board of Directors

*Marcy - Thank you for the Solar Eclipse video. Thank you to PACK for the color run. Thank you to Nicole for the Costa Rica presentation. Thank you to Dr. Cognetta and Okamoto for attending as well. Excited for Fontana and all the activities they are doing. Applaud Sebastain, the admin and fellow board members on the work for the schedule change. Thank you all for respecting our voice. It is hard to make difficult decisions but know that we consider all things. PD is so important and equals student success. Some decisions are made because we want student success as the number one. Excited for End of the Year.*

*Sam- Thank you Nicole for the presentation. I am happy to hear of all the field trips in Fontana and Chino. Would love Fontana 8th grade students to attend Costa Rica. Thank you to both PACKS on all they do. Thank you to staff and parents for voicing your opinions and helping us decide. Thank you for the Solar Eclipse experience for the students. Thank you Cognetta for doing all the Town Halls and listening to everyone.*

*Shantay - Thank you Nicole for your presentation. The Town Hall meetings were great to hear all perspectives. Thank you to Cognetta for coming up with a creative solution that will work for both campuses. Excited for all the End of Year activities.*

*Shehzad - Excited for all the things happening and finishing strong. Impressed with Nicole and her presentation. Thank you to PACK for your support with all the events. Encourage all parents to get involved. Thank you for all coming together as a community these last few weeks. Thank you Cognetta for your leadership. Thank you for your time.*

*Troy - Thank you Nicole for your presentation. You speak to our school and educators that you were able to speak so well on your events. Thank you to the community and staff. It may not be the outcome you always want, but it will be necessary. Looking forward to the Board Study Session coming up. Also looking forward to the new School Calendars at the next meeting. Need to find a way for all students to go to Costa Rica.*

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

### 1. It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for April 8, 2024 @7:28pm

Motion: \_\_\_Sam\_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_Shantay\_\_\_\_\_ Roll Call: \_\_\_5-0\_\_\_\_\_

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Troy Stevens, Board Chair

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Marcy Jones, Board Secretary