



ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 8, 2018

Minutes

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 7:01 pm.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Allegiance STEAM Academy was held at 13050 2nd Street, Chino, Ca 91710.

B. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Andrew Vestey, Chairman	X	_____
Vanessa Okamoto, Secretary	X	_____
Melanie Choi, Treasurer	X	_____
Raquel Rall, Member	X	_____
Samantha Odo, Member	X	_____

C. Public Comments- Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

D. Approval of Agenda for Board Meeting for April 8, 2018.

Motion (Odo), second (Raquel), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the agenda for the Regular meeting of the Board of Directors for April 8, 2018.

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II. Open Session:

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Comments from Board of Directors

Sam Odo thanked Laura Vestey and Diana Urbina for the work during the lottery process.

Vanessa Okamoto thanked those who helped with the lottery and this was an exciting time for the School.

Melanie Choi also wanted to thank those who helped before and during the lottery.

Raquel Rall wanted to thank those who helped with the lottery. Rall said that different people shine on different days and she hopes people continue to shine and the school continues to shine.

Andrew Vestey also thanked those involved in the lottery. Vestey also mentioned ASA-Thrive was selected into the Desert/Mountain SELPA. Out of five schools who attempted to join the SELPA and only two were chosen. Vestey thanked Dr. Cогnetta, Callie Moreno and Vanessa Okamoto for their hard work during the Desert/Mountain SELPA process.

2. CEO's report

Dr. Cогnetta spoke about the Desert/Mountain SELPA application member Team of founding staff members have been meeting regarding the curriculum and are in the final stages of selecting the curriculum for the school. In the area of mathematics, staff has chosen Eureka Math and has reached out to the publisher for a quote for materials. Dr. Cогnetta said the school has a budget of approximately \$220 per child. There is some curriculum that will be used digitally with a mix of textbooks. Dr. Cогnetta said they have been meeting with Charter Impact regarding budget and setting up payroll. Dr. Cогnetta said the Board will be presented with the bell schedule and the importance of a balance between home and school. Dr. Cогnetta also spoke about homework and their strategic plan for homework for students. Dr. Cогnetta also thanked Laura Vestey and Diana Urbina for their work before and during the lottery. Dr. Cогnetta said most general education teachers have been hired and are continuing to hire the vacant positions.

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B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Public Charter School Grant Program Application

Dr. Cognetta reviewed the grant application and the process of submitting the grant. Dr. Cognetta also explained the process for the grant being submitted. Dr. Cognetta said there are two phases of the grant. The first phase which includes personnel, capital outlay and professional development. The grant was built with a STEAM model in mind. Dr. Cognetta said they looked at technology for students and teachers. It also included professional development for staff. Phase two includes professional development and additional capital outlay.

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. Non-Discrimination in Employment Policy

Motion (Okamoto), second (Choi), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Non-Discrimination in Employment Policy.

2. 2018-2019 Daily Schedule

Motion (Odo), second (Rall), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the 2018-2019 Daily Schedule.

3. Medical Benefits for Eligible Employees

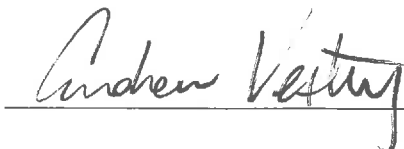
Maria Cumsille called in to provide the Board information regarding the different options available with medical benefit providers. Maria recommended ASA hire two employees by mid-May so the medical benefits will be available by September 1st. Maria also recommended choosing one provider, as some of the providers will not allow us to choose them, based on the size of the organization.

Motion (Vestey), second (Rall), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to direct Dr. Cognetta to work with Maria Cumsille to obtain information from proposed staff if they will be obtaining medical benefits through ASA and which medical provider they prefer.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Odo) and Second (Choi), motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

Andrew Vestey, Board Chair, adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for April 8, 2018 at 8:05 pm.



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Vanessa Okamoto, Board Secretary