

ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 26, 2018

Minutes

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 7:15 pm.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Allegiance STEAM Academy was at 5862

C. 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 the Regular Board Meeting for July 26, 2018.

Motion (Odo), second (Okamoto), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Agenda for Regular Board Meeting for July 26, 2018

II. Open Session:

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Comments from Board of Directors

Samantha Odo thanked the Girl Scout Troop for their awesome presentation and is excited to see their library. Vanessa Okamoto also thanked the Troop as well and said she has a passion for reading too and feels what they are doing is awesome. Andrew Vestey echoed the comments of the previous Board Members who spoke. He also thanked CVUSD for bringing a moving van to help last Friday and thanked their personnel for helping, and thanked parents for coming out to help as well.

2. CEO's report

Dr. Sebastian Cognetta thanked the Girl Scout Troops for their presentation. He also thanked the office staff for continuing to move through registration and keeping himself and Dr. Callie Moreno updated so they have a sense of the needs of our students.

Dr. Cognetta gave an update on curriculum and instruction and said the teachers have been meeting and are plugging into their digital resources to get prepared.

Dr. Callie Moreno said representatives from SELPA came down, including one who will be our Program Specialist, and went over what the professional development opportunities are, what needs there might be, and laid out all the supports and services they'll provide for us. She said they will be coming down to train on different aspects of writing IEP's, the computer system, etc. Dr. Moreno also said there is a community advisory committee and that we will need a parent to serve as our representative and to attend meetings once a quarter.

Dr. Cognetta spoke of the governance tied to our MOU and pointed out to the board that the board will need to get DOJ clearance and that Meredith King is in the final step of getting our DOJ license number and we are waiting for the DOJ clearance to get our staff and our board to do it.

Dr. Cognetta said we will soon be sending out letters out to parents in accordance to state law around Title 1 funding and regarding our Special Education Program.

Dr. Cognetta said that plenty of work is being done in regards to facilities and thanked CVUSD for the work they've done. He also said that CVUSD took him and staff members on a walk-through and explained everything they have been and will be working on, which included the IT infrastructure they are working on, and everything else to get the buildings ready for the first day of school.

Dr. Cognetta spoke about Human Resources and said that as we are receiving student files we are learning of our needs. He spoke of the need of another Special Education teacher and that Dr. Moreno has been looking for one. He checked with Charter Impact to be sure the budget will allow it. Dr. Cognetta said we will not need to cut anything to make this happen and that we'll dip into our reserve which are close to 9%, leaving us room to create this positon.

Dr. Cognetta gave an update about Food Services and said that we will add a position to that as well and will absorb the compensation from our surplus.

Dr. Cognetta said that Certificated positions have been filled.

Dr. Cognetta mentioned that when the Charter was written it was mentioned that ASA would participate in STERS and PERS. He invited representatives from Horace Mann Financial to give an overview of their background and what they provide.

Dr. Cognetta thanked the community for helping with the move in the last couple of weeks and said we'll be reaching out to them in the future for more help to get our school ready.

B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PRESENTATION:

1. Girl Scout Troop 96504

The Troop spoke about their desire to open a small library on World Literacy Day at ASA. They spoke about how important reading is and each one of them spoke about their favorite part in a book they read.

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. Contract Related to Audit and Tax Services

Audit and Tax Service providers CliftonLarsonAllen and Dennis Cooper and Associates were discussed between Dr. Cognetta and the board to determine which services to contract with.

Motion (Odo), second (Choi), motion carried by a vote of 4-1 (Yes-Vestey, Okamoto, Choi, Odo; No-Rall) to contract with CliftonLarsonAllen for audit and tax services.

2. 2019-2020 School Calendar for Allegiance STEAM Academy-Thrive

There was discussion between the board and Dr. Cognetta about potentially aligning ASA's School Calendar with CVUSD's which was not reflected on the proposed 2019-2020.

Motion (Vestey), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to table the 2019-2020 School Calendar for Allegiance STEAM Academy-Thrive.

3. Standards-Based Report Cards (TK-8)

Several recommendations and concerns were discussed regarding the Standards-Based Report Cards (TK-8)

Motion (Vestey), second (Choi), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to table the Standards-Based Report Cards (TK-8).

4. Contract for services related to History and Science Curriculum

Motion (Okamoto), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Contract for services related to History and Science Curriculum.

5. <u>Contract with Apple Store for Education Institution for purchase of technology</u> for staff and students

The board members and Dr. Cognetta discussed the Contract with Apple Store for Education Institution for purchase of technology for staff and students and it was decided to get a quote from ASA's IT service provider Optima before any decisions are made.

Motion (Odo), second (Rall), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to table the Contract with Apple Store for Education Institution for purchase of technology for staff and students.

6. Community Relations Policy

Motion (Okamoto), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve and adopt the Community Relations Policy.

7. Facilities Policy

Motion (Rall), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to approve and adopt the Facilities Policy.

D. ADJOURNMENT

It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Motion (Okamodo), second (Choi), motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the meeting

Andrew Vestey, Board Chair, adjourned the Regular Meeting of Board of Directors for July 26, 2018 at 8:25pm.

Andrew Vestey, Board Chair

Vanessa Okamoto, Board Secretary