



ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

March 1 , 2021

Minutes

I. PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 7:35pm

B. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Samantha Odo, Board Chair	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jason Liso, Treasurer	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Marcilyn Jones, Secretary	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Troy Stevens, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Claudia Reynolds, Member	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

C. Public Comments, Items not on the agenda

No public comments.

D. Approval of agenda for Regular Board Meeting on March 1, 2021

Motion (Troy Stevens), second (Marcilyn Jones), motion carried by a vote 5-0 to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on March 1, 2021.

II. OPEN SESSION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

1. Update from The PACK (Parents And Community for Kids)

- *Rebeca Garcia shared that the PACK recently purchased stools, a large outdoor tent, and rolling whiteboards to be used for outdoor classrooms.*
- *See's Candies Fundraiser is taking place now til March 19th.*

2. Staff Report

- *Deanna Campagna thanked the board for the time given to open the school. Stacey Lazo shared that staff had the opportunity to collaborate on reopening procedures. Everyone is excited to welcome students back onto campus.*

3. CEO's Report

- *Sebastian stated that we have not forgotten about the home based students even though a lot of talk has centered about students returning.*
- *He wanted to thank Dr. Park and Dr. Rideout from CVUSD for their support and including us in vaccinations and communications.*
- *Open enrollment has closed. The lottery will be held next month*
- *Thanks to Dr. Enfield for our Prop 30 request. We asked for facilities for 900 students and we were granted that.*
- *Students returning March 8 and we are watching the eligibility to reopen for 7th and 8th grade very closely. Mrs. Lohoff met with the middle school team today so they are prepared for a quick turnaround. Think we might be able to open March 15 for middle school, but they cannot predict the future.*
- *Troy asked what the home based students schedule looks like. Sebastian shared that teachers will be live streaming 2 lessons M-TH to the hybrid group at home and the home based students. There will also be an ELD group, SEL group, and possible a small group instruction that home based students will be invited to.*
- *Troy also asked about summer school, is it in the budget, what would it look like, possibly sending out a survey to teachers to see who is interested? Sebastian shared the governor just released a budget that includes funding for summer school. Admin is looking at the implications.*
- *Troy asked about retention. Will parents have the option to request retention? Wants parents to know there are options. Sebastian shared that the law states retention is a school based decision. He said conversations have already been informed if retention may be a possibility. Interventions are already in place to help students advance to the next grade.*
- *We have also been in contact with local high schools to make sure our students are prepared for what comes next.*

- *Jason Liso clarified if parents could reach out if they are concerned about their child's readiness and then have it addressed. Sebastian shared that ideally it is a discussion that begins with the teacher. Sebastian stresses that teachers have already begun to have those conversations.*

4. Reopening Updates

- *Sebastian shared that everything is coming together for a reopening on March 8th. Pal leaders are going to take scheduled small groups of new to ASA students on a school tour. Lots of information will be going out to parents about reopening. On the homepage of the Website is a link to a Google Drive folder with reopening protocols. Covid 19 testing will happen every 2 weeks. Staff will have a nose swab test and students will have the cheek swab. Covid testing is optional.*
- *Troy also asked about pick up and drop off and Sebastian shared that information will be coming shortly, but it is in the Drive as well.*
- *Tammy shared that we are doing our best to provide students with all necessary supplies and we will not send out supply lists. The goal is to keep classroom and home supplies separate.*
- *Troy asked about an update for Think Together and Sebastian shared that Think Together is currently taking interest forms. We do have a facilities challenge and that may affect what we can offer.*

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT

1. *Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors on February 1, 2020*
2. *Check Register for January, 2021*

Motion to approve (Jason Liso), Second (Samantha Odo), Motion passes with a vote of 5-0.

D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Financial Update for January 2021

- *Marisol Felix from Charter Impact gave a financial update for January 2021. The school is operating efficiently. Cash ended the month with 2 million.*

Motion to approve Financial Update for January 2021. Motion (Claudia Reynolds), Second (Marcilyn Jones), Motion passes by a vote of 5-0 .

2. Revised FY 21 Budget

- *Marisol Felix from Charter Impact presented the Revised FY21 Budget. No questions or comments.*

Motion to approve the Revised FY21 Budget. Motion (Jason Liso), Second (Samantha Odo), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.

3. 2nd Interim Financial Report

Current forecast is 2.6 million dollar budget surplus through January 31, 2021. Motion (Troy Stevens), Second (Samantha Odo), Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.

4. Quotes for New Chromebooks

Dr. Cognetta presented 2 quotes for 140 chromebooks. One quote was from Kajeet and the second quote was from Best Buy. Samantha asked what the turnaround is. Sebastian shared that the chromebooks are in stock so it should be a quick turnaround. Troy asked if the school will also need to purchase more ipads. Sebastian said that we may need more ipads but at this time they are unsure if any will need to be replaced. Motion to approve and adopt the Best Buy quote for \$41,290.11 Motion (Marcilyn Jones), Second (Claudia Reynolds). Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.

5. School Psychologist Intern Job Description

Sam asked if this would be a paid internship. Sebastian shared that they are exploring the ability to make this a paid internship. Motion (Troy Stevens), Second (Jason Liso), Motion passes 5-0.

6. Children in the Workplace Policy

Sebastian provided the context that because CVUSD and ASA are ahead of the curve in reopening and ASA recognizes that this potentially places a burden on staff with children in other districts that are not open yet and would like to try and accommodate them. Jason asked what are the school's liabilities with having children on campus that aren't enrolled in ASA. Sebastian shared that our insurance would typically cover any liabilities as it would with any visitor. Marcy asked if this would also include staff whose children attend ASA. Sebastian shared that they are still working out details but that the remote work agreement could still apply to staff.

Motion to adopt and approve the Children in the Workplace Policy. Motion (Troy Stevens), Second (Jason Liso), Motion fails by a vote of 1-4, Claudia Reynolds voting in favor.

7. Renewal Quote for SchoolMint

SchoolMint is the company used for the lottery. It is the same system used in the past and staff is familiar with it. Marcy asked if a 2 year contract could be signed to save money. Sebastian said he will look into that.

Motion to approve the SchoolMint renewal quote. Motion (Troy Stevens) Second (Jason Liso). Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.

8. Contract Related to Audit and Tax Services

No questions or comments.

Motion to adopt and approve the CLA contract related to audit and tax services. Motion (Claudia Reynolds) Second (Marcilyn Jones) motion passes by a vote of 5-0.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

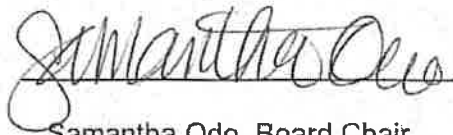
- *Claudia Reynolds: says that the excitement around reopening is there, but she wanted to talk to parents about talking to their kids about following guidelines and let them know that they should prepare their children for new expectations and how we should support one another. We all need to be vigilant. She asks that teachers pay attention to students that may be quiet and not share and check in on them. She encourages all to be sensitive to each other and all the changes. It is important to have that sense of community.*
- *Troy Stevens: thanked Claudia for what she said. He also thanked the staff for what they have done during this time. He asked that parents are patient during this time. Realizes that staff is putting things out as quick as possible. "This is the first time we have done this." He wishes he could be on campus when the students return. Can't wait to see photos and videos. Thanked the board for making tough decisions. Tonight they did not approve something and a lot of thought went behind that decision.*
- *Marcy Jones: wanted to echo what Claudia and Troy said. She stated that there is not a "right way" to do this and whatever families chose is the right way for them. Asks the adults to be mindful of how they speak and to be kind to each other and understand that people made the best choice for their family. She asks that everyone show grace and be patient.*
- *Jason Liso: echoed the previous comments from the board meetings. Shared that many of thor personal friends are teachers and shared that they are feeling the same stress. Thanked staff for all their hard work, reminded them to give*

themselves grace, and be patient. It's going to be great no matter what it looks like.

- *Samantha Odo: Sam stated that the rest of the board said what she wanted to say, but she also wanted to thank the staff for doing the "almost impossible" and getting ready in a short time. She also wants the kids to be kind to one another and wants to keep the school open and asks everyone to do their part and do the daily checks and stay home if you need to. She would love to be on campus and it is going to be hard to stay away, but wants to see all the pictures and videos.*

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 9:22pm. Motion (Marcilyn Jones), Second (Samantha Odo), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.



Samantha Odo, Board Chair



Marcilyn Jones, Board Secretary