



ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

October 5, 2020

Minutes

I. PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 7:31pm

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 October 5, 2020

Motion (Troy Stevens), second (Jason), motion carried by a vote 5-0 to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on October 5, 2020.

II. OPEN SESSION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

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

- *Laura Vestey thanked all families that participated in the Donation Drive. She shared that over \$6,000 was raised. Some donations are still coming in.*
- *The virtual Book Fair saw sales just over \$400. Profits from the book fair will be used to purchase classroom books.*
- *Chipotle fundraiser in October and See's Candies Fundraiser will begin soon.*

2. Staff Report

- *Stacey Lazo shared that triads were successful and it's nice to be appreciated by the families. She shared that teachers have been working hard and she is proud to be apart of the staff.*
- *Deanna shared that teachers participated in Professional Development today and tomorrow. She described how nice it was to be in conversations today and that the presenters shared valuable information.*

3. CEO's Report

- *Sebastian thanked parents for their grace in distance learning recognized the great work of the staff and also that the staff is sacrificing more than in any other circumstances.*
- *Commended Tammy and Callie for putting together a relevant and timely professional development that frames the work of our teachers.*
- *ASA has opened enrollment for the 20/21 school year. Our charter shows we will go from 810-900 kids next year. We are showing need for the facility and substantiate the growth. He is encouraged by the number of interested families.*
- *Governor did sign AB 820 adjusting funding to the current number of students.*
- *Tomorrow night is the Parent Support Town Hall at 5:30 to talk about the support that families might need, put together by Leslie and Stacey.*
- *Sam Odo asked if having a healthier budget could lead to salary increase since most staff had their pay frozen. Sebastian says he is confident that is possible and they need to look at the implications of that and thinks he can get that on the next board meeting agenda. Sam requests that it be put on the next agenda. Deferrals are a factor in this conversation.*

4. Reopening Update

- *Reopening Update: Schools can reopen in the red tier after the county has been there for 14 days. Two weeks, at least, after that day, we could reopen in a hybrid model.*
- *Mr. Stevens and Mr. Liso would like us to consider setting a date for reopening and applying for a waiver if the county is not yet in the red. They feel that parents and staff need to have a clearer plan and a timeline to bring peace of mind to parents and staff.*
- *Marcy shared that she would like the details of the impact that reopening with the waiver would have on parents and staff.*
- *Board members would like to have a study session or closed meeting to discuss the reopening plans and also asked for updated staff and parent surveys.*
- *Troy shared that Ontario Christian K-6 has been open full time for over a month. He has reached out to their superintendent for additional information and will share later.*

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT

1. *Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors on September 14, 2020*
2. *Minutes for the Special Board Meeting on September 21, 2020*
3. *Check Register for August, 2020*

Motion to approve (Marcilyn Jones), Second (Claudia Reynolds), Motion passes with a vote of 5-0.

D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Financial Update for August 2020

- *Marison Felix from Charter Impact gave a financial update for August 2020.*
- *No questions or comments from the board.*

Motion to approve Financial Update for August 2020. Motion (Jason Liso), Second (Troy Stevens), Motion passes by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Financial Update for June 2020.

2. Revised FY 21 Budget

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

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

3. Disruption Policy

- *Dr. Cognetta presented the Disruption Policy.*
- *No comments or questions from the board.*

Motion (Samantha Odo), Second (Troy Stevens), Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.

4. ASA Wellness Policy

- *Margarita Cosio (school meal manager) presented.*
- *No questions or comments from the board.*

Motion (Troy Stevens), Second (Marcilyn Jones). Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.

5. ASA Paid Meal Collection Policy

- *Presented by Margarita Cosio. School cafe (payment system) was replaced by k-12paymentcenter.com. Lunchapplication.com is now used for families to apply for free and reduced lunch.*
- *Sam asked when money from school cafe (old system) would be transferred to the new system. Margarita said Powerschools is still trying to link to the new program and funds will automatically be transferred over.*

Motion (Claudia Reynolds), Second (Jason Liso), Motion passes 5-0.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

- *Claudia Reynolds: Wanted to thank everyone involved in the triads. Nice to see how the teachers were involved with the students. Wanted to thank the students for participating. Says distance learning continues to be flawless and wants teachers to know the hard work does not go unnoticed.*

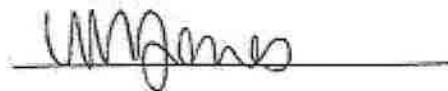
- *Troy Stevens: Acknowledged Claudia and Marci, who are also teachers, for all that they do in addition to serving on the board. Thanked teachers for all they do. He hopes we can come up with a plan that will help all stakeholders. Asked that parents please reach out. Thanked Ms. Buenaflor and Ms. Dizon for Gavin's drive by birthday celebration. Hats off to Sebastian and all staff for the school that we have created. He would open five more just like us if he could.*
- *Marcy Jones: Thank the teachers and wanted to echo Claudia. She commented on triads and how well the teachers know the students and thinks the teaching staff is doing a fantastic job. The teachers are showing up everyday with a smile and making it fun for students. She is learning that some things are out of our control and we need to be patient in how we move forward.*
- *Jason Liso: Very appreciative of the triads and hearing his children's excitement. Appreciative of the staff and all that they are putting into distant learning. Appreciative of Sebastian and leadership team for all they do.*
- *Sam Odo: She is reminded everyday of the degree of education that ASA provides. She wants to thank the leadership team and "Happy World Teacher Day" to all the amazing teachers, especially the ASA teachers. They are the cream of the crop and can't think of any other school she would want her kids to be at.*

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the October 5, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 9:19pm. Motion (Jason Liso), Second (Marcily Jones), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.



Samantha Odo, Board Chair



Marcilyn Jones, Board Secretary