



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 16, 2021 Time: 6:00pm Location: Media Center
 Zoom: Meeting ID: 953 1782 7550
 Password: 9Tz6T8

School Board Norms of Engagement 2021 The Board of Aspen Academy will

Tenacity	• form cohesion, cooperate, respectfully engage, listen effectively, and remain future minded.
High Expectations	• keep students first, speak with one voice, operate as a governance board.
Integrity	• always remain respectful to staff, employees, parents, students and other stakeholders, hear all voices before key decisions, maintain oversight, and work together to carry out our responsibilities.
No Excuses	• always assume positive intent, be accountable for self-behaviors and their impact on board activities, be open to clarifying questions, constructive comments and relevant discussions, and read all materials before board meetings.
Kindness	• treat each other with respect at all times, respect time allotted for all presentations at board meetings, and respect each other's time.

• **CALL TO ORDER AT 6:03pm**

In attendance Misty Schutrop, April Shafer, Rob Allison, Stephanie Smitley, Michael Faulise, Andrew Petrenko, Andrew Price, Melanie Jiskra, Diane Hummel

Authorizer Comments _____

Community Comments _____

Community members must pre-register to speak at the meeting. Items are limited to those on the night's agenda. The Board Chair has the discretion to hear a community member who has not pre-registered, but items remain limited to those on the agenda.

• Motion: **Approval of Agenda**

First Smitley Second Allison Yes X(8) No _____ Abst _____

Roll Call: Rob Allison Yes X No _____
 Stephanie Peterson Yes X No _____

Michael Faulise Yes X No _____
 Andrew Petrenko Yes X No _____

Andrew Price Yes X No _____
Stephanie Smitley Yes X No _____

April Schafer Yes X No _____
Misty Schutrop Yes X No _____

- Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (February 23, 2021) **and Special Meeting Minutes** (March 8, 2021).

First Smitley Second Peterson Yes X(8) No _____ Abst _____

Roll Call: Rob Allison Yes X No _____
Stephanie Peterson Yes X No _____
Andrew Price Yes X No _____
Stephanie Smitley Yes X No _____

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ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Thank you to Robin and Jean from TAG for getting Melanie up to speed on the budget. Thank you to Julie for getting the schedule set through Infinite Campus. Thank you to Middle School for their Pi(e) Day festivities and to the specialists for helping.

Presentation by Specialists – Ms. Jacobson, Mr. Gross and Ms. Brynestad.

- Music – (Mr. Gross) Surviving: participation, engagement, audio lag, having materials, less cohesive because in 2 groups. Thriving: individual conversations, use Flipgrid to record, creative in collaborating and happy to be back in school! (Mr. Fairweather) Band- helping with morale to be back in school, work in smaller groups, using Smart Music software and working on a potential spring concert. Orchestra - rehearsals before school again, recruitment for next year coming up soon.
- Spanish – (Ms. Jacobson) More difficult this year with only seeing MS 1/week. 5th – days, months, seasons and weather, introducing themselves. 6th & 7th – family vocab, groundwork for conjugating verbs, hobbies and pastimes coming up. 8th – discussing class schedules and their opinions. Spanish Lit elective – reading Fiesta Fatal and learning about Quinceaneras. (Ms. Christensen) K & 1- shown lots of resilience, learned colors, shapes, animals and numbers. 2-4 – Using story telling in Spanish to learn the language. Each class made their own story.
- Art – (Ms. Meyer) K- Practicing cutting & gluing and catching up on painting. 1- Wayne Thiebaud, drawing different foods. 2- Lots of watercolor and painting, perspective in art. 3- making cardboard collographs to demonstrate what printing can look like in art and reproducing an image. 4- activities related to art careers, designing a house, soda can, clothing. Struggles – students not having materials at home, lost minutes in K & 1 due to transitions. (Ms. Brynestad) 5 - Using the Elements of Art, identified line, shape, space, color, texture and form with projects. These include studies from Grant Wood, DaVinci (perspective) and Thiebaud cakes, Alma Thomas designs, and clay. 6th- Studies included Greek mosaics, Gothic architecture, Renaissance perspective, Baroque portraits, Realism with Still Life, Neoclassical Architecture (US Capitol drawing) and clay creatures. 7th - Studies included Monet, VanGogh, Matisse, Cubism, Munch, Surrealism,

Corey Barksdale, and clay vessels. 8th - Observed the history and styles of art post-WWII. These included Warhol, Haring, Wood, Lichtenstein, Corey Barksdale, Op Art, and clay vessels. Struggles – missing supplies at home.

- PE – (Mr. Sickmann) Students showing great attitude with PE online, glad to have students back in school, playing soccer, basketball and floor hockey. Hoping to get outside now that weather is better. Students have showed great resilience and hard work while distance learning. (Mr. Jiskra) 5th Grade P.E- We are turning the corner and introducing Nuke'em to 5th grade. Health- We are studying the Limbic System (Emotions, Amygdala, Cortex). 6th P.E.- We are preparing for our PI day Nuke'em Tournament. Health- We are just finished up how Emotions play a role in decisions. About to start Body systems. 7th P.E.- Nuke'em Tournament. Gearing up for floor hockey. Health- Starting to hit the last benchmark for reproductive system. 8th P.E.- Nuke'em Tournament, Going to start Floor hockey unit after PI day. Health- Entering the Pregnancy/STI unit.
- Thank you, Specialists!

Program Services Committee (Smitley)

- Administration Report: Winter Data report by Angela Dunn
 - 20/21 Goals: 70%K-2 score low risk or exceeds using Fastbridge in reading, 70% meet or exceed on MCA in reading in 3rd, 75% meet or exceed on MCA 3-8th reading, reduce partially meets and increase meet/exceed in MCA reading.
 - All grades did Fastbridge math and reading, K-4 used Fountas & Pinnell benchmark assessment for reading, 1-4 used CBM for reading fluency.
 - Data graphs were shared with the board of K-1 earlyReading, K & 1 substrand results, 2-4 aReading results and 5-8 aReading results by proficiency levels, F&P results and CBM results by proficiency level. K-1 earlyMath by proficiency and substrand, 2-4 aMath proficiency, 5-8 aMath proficiency. Also provided were comparisons between winter 2020 and winter 2021 and trends within classes for both math and reading.
 - Most areas in reading and math were about the same or slightly higher than fall. Kindergartners have struggled the most with reading and are lower than the fall, which is consistent with data during the pandemic, that younger students are having more trouble with retention. 1st-4th grades have improved, with 2nd grade having the highest increase. 5th-8th results were also similar to fall.
 - F&P results showed overall a decrease in exceeds and low risk and an increase in high risk. High students stayed high, struggling students continued to struggle.
 - Math: K-1st grades showed a decrease in exceeds and low risk compared to the fall, which again goes with the youngest learners having the most difficulty with pandemic learning. 2nd-4th grades – showed an increase in exceeds and low risk and decrease in high risk. 5th-8th stayed the same.
 - Compared data with last winter and results are variable through the grades. Also compared class to class data and that is also variable through the grades, most being close or slightly over where they were last year.

- Data collected is valuable, will be used to know where teachers and staff need to put work into. No one has been through a pandemic before. Thank you to the teachers for getting all of the data completed on time!
- MCAs will be happening, getting prepared for students to take them at school. Will try to have distance learners come into school to take them also.

Thank you, Angela!

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. There were no changes made to Policy 504.5 since the first reading.
- Motion: **Approve Policy 504.5 Face Covering, 2nd Read**

First Allison Second Peterson Yes X(8) No _____ Abst _____

Roll Call: Rob Allison	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Michael Faulise	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Stephanie Peterson	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Andrew Petrenko	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Andrew Price	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	April Schafer	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Stephanie Smitley	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Misty Schutrop	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Faulise/Schutrop)

- Admin Report: Over enrolling will change slightly to 2 students instead of 3 and the end date will be earlier on July 26th rather than in mid-August.
- Motion: **Approve over enrolling each K-8 classroom by 2 students each and filling each opening to 24 at elementary and 27 in each middle school section until July 26th when attrition will be allowed to take each class down to 22 and 25.**

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Andrew Price	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	April Schafer	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Stephanie Smitley	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Misty Schutrop	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____

- Motion: **Approve the Moving Matters contract for 2 years.**

First Smitley Second Peterson Yes X(8) No _____ Abst _____

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Stephanie Peterson	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Andrew Petrenko	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____

Andrew Price Yes X No ____
Stephanie Smitley Yes X No ____

April Schafer Yes X No ____
Misty Schutrop Yes X No ____

- Motion: **Approve the Fox Hire contract for 2 years.**

First Petrenko Second Peterson Yes X(8) No _____ Abst _____

Roll Call: Rob Allison Yes X No ____
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Andrew Price Yes X No ____
Stephanie Smitley Yes X No ____

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- Committee Report: Presentation of Financials by Robin Pikal – 67% of the way through fiscal year, 59% revenue, 55% expenses. DCOH 55/102, DSCR 1.56. Fund balance is around \$2 million. No questions on the check register. Enrollment is down slightly to 640, but still above 630 ADM. Some discussion on the maintenance of effort, need to spend up to it and will still get reimbursed.

- Motion: **Approve the February check register.**

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Board Elections, Responsibilities & Governance Committee (Schutrop/Smitley)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. Looking for a new teacher board member to appoint until Dec 31st then will need to run in the election. An ad-hoc committee is the first step in the new hiring process so the board will be ready when a decision is made on skills needed.
- Motion: **Approve the formation of an ad-hoc search committee to start the hiring process, consisting of the board officers.**

First Peterson Second Schafer Yes X(8) No _____ Abst _____

Roll Call: Rob Allison Yes X No ____
Stephanie Peterson Yes X No ____
Andrew Price Yes X No ____
Stephanie Smitley Yes X No ____

Michael Faulise Yes X No ____
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Marketing and Community Engagement Committee (Price/Schafer/Faulise)

- Committee Report: Will schedule a meeting after the board working session.

Strategic Planning Committee (Price/Peterson/Allison/Petrenko)

- Committee Report: Will schedule a meeting after the board working session.

- **Adjournment at** 7:05pm

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