



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 15th, 2022 Time: 6:00pm Location: Aspen Media Center

School Board Norms of Engagement 2022 The Board of Aspen Academy will	
Tenacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> form cohesion, cooperate, respectfully engage, listen effectively, and remain future minded.
High Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> keep students first, speak with one voice, operate as a governance board.
Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 6:02pm**

In attendance Andrew Price, Stacy Crakes, Stephanie Smitley, Brandy Mosser, Michael Faulise, Rob Allison, Melanie Jiskra, Rachel Mong

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 Allison Second Smitley Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (February 15th, 2022) **and special meeting minutes** (February 22, 2022).

First Smitley Second Mosser Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Thank you to Sheryl Paulson-Price for coordinating the book fair. It was a lot of work! Thank you to Stephanie Smitley for coordinating the PTO meal for teachers. Thank you to Dr. Parson and the Title 1 committee for organizing the math and literacy night coming up in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to Cindy Care, Patrick Walters and Christian Cockrill for chaperoning and organizing the Eagle Bluff trip.

Presentation by Specialists, PowerPoint presentation given by Mr. Fairweather, Mr. Burdick, Mr. Jiskra and Ms. Leslie.

- Music – using the new Orff instruments in class, showed a video of a 3rd grade class using them. Band/Orchestra – using the new instruments bought with the fundraiser money, increased interest in orchestra at the MS level, using Band Lab to create harmonies, be creative.
- Spanish – MS Spanish is 2 days/week, used fundraiser money to buy class readers for each grade level and digital video downloads. Students in elementary are learning Spanish using comprehensible input and teaching proficiency through reading and storytelling.
- Art – Bought a set of drawing mannequins with fundraiser money, paper cutter, drying rack, art books and drawing books. Struggle has been getting the same quality of work and classroom behavior as pre-covid. MS art is following the Core Knowledge curriculum in each grade level.
- PE/Health – MS is playing Nuke’Em and will have a tournament. 22 teams will play. K-2 students went sledding. A great time was had by all and lessons were learned for the future. Working on incorporating mental health and health into games. Everyone is looking forward to the rock wall coming this summer.
- Latin – use the Latin for Children textbook in 4th and 5th. Students read Minimus and Minimus 2 in 6th-8th. Use chants to learn Latin vocabulary.

Thank you, Specialists!

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- **Hires - Resignations – Terminations – Non-Renewals**
 - Jenna Hatch, para (effective 3-11-22)
 - Victoria Regehr, Friends of Aspen Academy board secretary, pending background check (effective immediately)

First Smitley Second Mosser Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

Program Services (Smitley)

- Administration Report: Data presentation by Angela Dunn
 - Reading and Math Fastbridge data for K-8 collected in January, continued into Feb after distance learning. F&P data collected K-4th for below grade level students in fall.
 - F&P: 12% increase K-4 from below to at or above grade level. K first time taking – 27% low risk or above, 73% below target.
 - Reading: K-2 winter 60% (down 3% from fall) at target, 40% (increase 3% from fall). 3-8 stayed the same. CBM (fluency) grades 1-3 – 68% (increase 6% from fall) at target, 32% (decrease 6% from fall). AutoReading grades 4-8 – stayed the same fall to winter.
 - Math: scores stayed consistent across the board from the fall. Math automaticity – 2nd -4th increased, 7th & 8th decreased, showed Rocket Math would help 7th & 8th grades.
 - Some grade levels met half of their interim goals. 6th-8th did not have interim goals. This data will be used to create goals for next year.
 - To meet goals we are looking for deficiencies in curriculum and ways to fill the gaps, reallocating and training support staff to work in classrooms that need more support, reassessing students before spring break in K and 1 on specific skills.

Thank you, Mrs. Dunn!

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. There were no changes to Policy 413. Policy 514 section VIII. D the words after policy were removed to make it consistent with other policies.

- Motion: **Approve Policy 413 Harassment and Violence, 2nd Read.**

First Mong Second Price Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve Policy 514 Bullying Prohibition, 2nd Read.**

First Mosser Second Mong Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Faulise/Schutrop)

- Motion: **Approve the contract with Capernaum Pediatric Therapy, Inc. for OT services for 2022-2023.**

First Smitley Second Allison Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve the contracts with Twin Cities Education Consultants, LLC for autism support and early childhood special education services for 2022-2023.**

First Mosser Second Mong Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve the contract with Agate Social Works, LLC for school social work services for 2022-2023.**

First Allison Second Mong Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

- Committee Report: The meeting was postponed until next week so the representative from TAG could attend. 67% of the fiscal year, revenue at 61%, expenses at 65%. DCOH 55/96 days, DSCR 1.07. Look at budget revision next month and FY23. No questions on the check register.

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

First Smitley Second Allison Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

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

- Committee Report: MDE added an indemnification clause for bylaws to include or they wouldn't approve them.
- Motion: **Approve the bylaws, pending FOE approval.**

First Smitley Second Mosser Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____

Marketing and Community Engagement Committee (Price/Faulise)

- Committee Report: The committee met yesterday. Christi gave updates on school tours, website, marketing. She is working on putting together a virtual tour.

Strategic Planning Committee (Price/Allison/Petrenko)

- Administration Report: Admin team met with Julie Goldsmith, worked on each objective. Will meet with Julie again. Next step is for board to meet.

- Committee Report: Provided an update from Julie with an update for the allotment of hours in her contract left. More hours will be diverted to the admin team from the board. There will be dates in May for the board to meet with her.

- **Adjournment at 7:01pm**

- First Smitley Second Mosser Yes X(7) No _____ Abst _____