



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 17th, 2022 Time: 6:00pm Location: Aspen Media Center

School Board Norms of Engagement 2022 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 6:00pm**

In attendance Andrew Petrenko, Brandy Mosser, Melanie Jiskra, Andrew Price, Rob Allison, Stacy Crakes, Stephanie Smitley

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 with edits.**

First Price Second Crakes Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

• Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (April 19th, 2022 and Special Closed meeting May 13th and Working session May 14th).

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

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Congratulations to Mr. Hergott, had 2 students selected for the Optimist Club award. Thank you to everyone who took the students to Eagle Bluff. Was a great trip! Scott Fairweather put on a wonderful band and orchestra concert last week. Thank you to the families who provided food for the multicultural potluck for teacher appreciation. It was wiped out! Thank you to Angela, Jodi, and Stu for MCA testing, no hiccups! Thank you to Zack Jiskra and Nate Sickmann for providing the opportunity for 5th and 6th grade to go to Viking's Field Day tomorrow. Thank you to Steph Smitley for organizing the PTO multicultural meal. Thank you to Julie Martini and Steph for making sure reports to our authorizer are submitted on time. Aspen received a monetary award for having reports in on time.

Presentation by Middle School

- Mrs. Carey – MS has shown growth and maturity in their education and in the Aspen community, positive experiences being together.
- Mrs. Ovrebo – Eagle Bluff trip was a big success, 60 students and 20 parents went. Cindy did a ton of work to organize the trip. 5th grade went to Biz Town, Pi Day celebration with reciting pi, nuke'em tournament and eating pie, dress up days for Charter School Week, lots of participation. Lots of events coming up- Viking's Field Day trip for 5th and 6th graders, 8th grade field trip to MOA, science fair, 8th grade pizza party, graduation, Kici Yapi, advisory Olympics.
- Ms. Zoromski – clubs and activities, NJHS – do live announcements, child care for Title Night, honor roll, dress-up week, had formal induction ceremony. AAA programs are back.
- Mrs. Olson – Next year the 5th grade will be back to elementary model.
- Mrs. Carey – Going to start MS off with strong expectations next year, schedule will have longer core classes and academic success.
- Mr. Walters – asked for questions. Board asked about extended class time.

Thank you, Middle School teachers!

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- **Hires - Resignations – Terminations – Non-Renewals**
 - Alicia Valiant, SpEd teacher (effective 6-3-22)
 - Nicole Harris, SpEd teacher (effective 6-3-22)
 - Gretchen Boie, teacher (effective 6-3-22)
 - Sarah Ross, teacher (effective 6-3-22)
 - Lynn Hanson, teacher (effective 6-3-22)
 - Lindsey Ball, para (effective 6-3-22)
 - Paul Anderaos, para (effective 6-3-22)
 - Nora Carlson, EA (effective 6-3-22)

- Victoria Ceplecha, EA (effective 6-3-22)
- Lindsay Adams, teacher (effective 6-3-22)
- Angie Berenak, EA (effective 6-3-22)
- Nancy Schwartz, para (effective 5-20-22)
- Nick Poulos, para (effective 8-16-22)

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

Program Services Committee (Smitley)

- Administration Report: Special Education update from Kelly Deitrich, Sped Director – Kelly provided an update and recap of the year with regards to Aspen’s special education department. She provided a funding update, staffing update, program update for curriculum and instruction and items to look into going forward.
- Motion: **Approve the Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook, 1st read.**

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

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Faulise/Schutrop)

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

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

- Motion: **Approve the contract with By Word of Mouth for speech services in 2022-2023.**

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

- Motion: **Approve the contract with Indigo Education for physical impairment services in 2022-2023.**

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

- Motion: **Approve the MTSS coaching and consulting contract with Dr. Erin Haley Strub for 2022-2023.**

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

- Committee Report: The committee met prior to the meeting. 83% of fiscal year, 81% revenues, 86% expenses, DSCR 1.25, DCOH 66. Went through enrollment projections, budgeted conservatively for FY23, outdoor learning center starts Thursday and will take 3 days, rock wall install June 6, parking lot cracks fixed. Looking at 2 new accounting firms starting July 1. No questions on the check register.

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

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

- Motion: **Approve the FY23 budget.**

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

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

- Administration Report: Aspen needed to submit an application to Hennepin County for ESSA, responsible for transportation of children in foster care, that required the motion below.

- Motion: **Approve the Director or designee as the authority to sign contracts on behalf of Aspen Academy.**

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

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. May votes were counted on May 13th. There were 4 ballots, 1 was done incorrectly and not counted, 3 ballots were counted. All 4 of the candidates ran uncontested and won, 3 teachers and 1 community member.

- Motion: **Approve voiding the November election.**

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

- Motion: **Approve Rachel Mong, Stephanie Smitley, Brandy Mosser and Erica Schipani as May election winners.**

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

Marketing and Community Engagement Committee (Price/Faulise)

- Committee Report: Committee will meet in the next month or 2.

Strategic Planning Committee (Price/Allison/Petrenko)

- Committee Report: Board had a working session on Saturday with Julie Goldsmith to further the work on the strategic plan. Next step is follow-up work with admin.

- **Adjournment at 7:01pm**

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