



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 20, 2023 Time: 6:00pm Location: Aspen Media Center

School Board Norms of Engagement 2023 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 6:00pm**

In attendance Brandy Mosser, Julie Finnerty, Melanie Jiskra, Rachel Mong, Stephanie Smitley, Rob Allison, Chris DiCapo, Michael Faulise, Andrew Price

Authorizer Comments FOE representative was in attendance

Community Comments _____

Community members must pre-register to speak at the meeting. Items are limited to those motions 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 Mong Second Smitley Yes X(8) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (February 27, 2023).

First Mosser Second Mong Yes X(8) No _____ Abst _____

Student Body Board Representative Report – Akshat reported that Mr. Miller said Kindergarten had a fun time collecting pickles, Mr. Sandberg got slimed, Mr. C got toilet papered. Ms. Rita’s last day was March 8th. Accolades to Sandberg and Jotter for climbing the snow mountain. Penguin Corps – Open Source conference, Youth Writers Conference, NJHS induction ceremony. 6th-8th – Pi Day, Nukem Tournament, 8th grade team Octopus won. Festival of Nations – 14 countries and 4 continents represented. Thank you to Dare2Breal and NJHS.

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Big shout out to the Festival of Nations committee and Eric. Great turnout and a wonderful evening!

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- **Hires - Resignations – Terminations – Non-Renewals**
 - Rita Marshall, custodian (effective 3-8-23)

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

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Mosser/DiCapo/Finnerty)

- Committee Report: Committee did not meet.

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Faulise/Price)

- Administration Report: Technology position would be computer lab and media center/library, additional position.
- Motion: **Approve the contracts with Capernaum Pediatric Therapy, Inc for occupational and physical therapy for the 2023-2024 school year.**

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

- Motion: **Approve the contract with Sentient Healthcare for audiology services for the 2023-2024 school year.**

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

- Motion: **Approve the Media/Technology teacher position.**

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

- Committee Report: Met prior to the board meeting. Looked at budget, waiting for lease aid, enrollment at 646, facility update – custodian resigned, using an outside company for now, security enhancements coming, pay scale next month, waiting for legislation.

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

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

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

- Committee Report: Committee did not meet. Election is coming up in May. Applications are due March 31st.

- Motion: **Approve Policy 410 Family and Medical Leave, 2nd read.**

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

Marketing and Community Engagement Committee (Price/Faulise/Mong/DiCapo)

- Committee Report: Committee did not meet. Andrew will meet with Lydia before meeting as a committee.

Strategic Planning Committee (Price/Faulise/Allison/Mosser)

- Committee Report: Committee did not meet. Parent survey is with the Building Representative Team, 44 responses.

Summary of Closed Meeting 2-27-23 – The board met in a closed meeting last month for the evaluation of the director. Board concluded to offer a contract to Melanie Jiskra for Director.

- **Adjournment at 6:11pm**

- First Smitley Second Mosser Yes X(8) No _____ Abst _____