



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 12th, 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 6:01pm**

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

Authorizer Comments _____

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 Allison Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approval of Minutes (May 15th, 2023) and Special Board Minutes (June 5th, 2023).**

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

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Thank you to... Middle School staff for a wonderful graduation. Amy Jacobson and the Field Day Committee for an awesome Field Day! Eric and Lydia for putting together the teacher thank you video from students. Scott Morkin for providing Buffalo Wild Wings lunch for teachers the last day. Was a great way to end the year.

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- **Hires - Resignations – Terminations – Non-Renewals**

- Christian Cockrill, behavior specialist (effective 6-2-23)
- Kerry Tieman, teacher (effective 6-4-23)
- Alan Hergott, teacher (effective 6-5-23)
- Stu Keroff, teacher (effective 6-5-23)
- Carissa Moe, teacher (effective 6-5-23)
- Madison Zoromski, teacher (effective 6-5-23)
- Sara Mahteen, teacher (effective 8-21-23)
- Chris Harer, teacher (effective 8-21-23)
- Madison Zulk, social worker (effective 8-21-23)
- Elizabeth Gale, teacher (effective 8-21-23)
- Kaitlyn Schmitz, sped teacher (effective 8-21-23)

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

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

- Administration Report: Spring data report from Dr. Erin.
 - Grades 4-8 took mySABERS, social emotional learning data collected, next year teachers will share things they've been doing in their classrooms with other teachers.
 - Reading: K- saw some great growth Fall to Spring (52-84% in letter sounds) and also over last year. Teachers have been doing very targeted instruction. 1st- 54-60%, working on science of reading, add more phonics and phonemic awareness. 2-8 – growth 72-76% across all grades, 3rd grade made big gains, aReading results better than last year, rebounding after Covid, teachers are working hard to meet the needs of students.
 - CBM (reading fluency) – great growth in words per minute have been made. 3rd graders in high risk made 68 word gain.
 - Math: K – earlyMath composite, 71 to 85%. 1-8th growth stayed flat, but gains were made in some substrands. Will focus on fidelity of Rocket Math implementation to improve math automaticity scores.
 - Progress was made towards grade level and school wide goals. Most goals were met and those not met were very close. Grades K-5 had at least 91% of scholars

showing growth in reading and math with the % going up as grade levels went down. Middle school showed between 69 and 80% growth in reading and math.

- Next year – support given for teachers new to math and reading instruction, changes to collaborative instructional planning and data meetings, incorporating more Science of Reading in Tier 1 instruction.

Thank you, Dr. Erin!

- Motion: **Approve the Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook, 2nd read.**

First Allison Second Mong Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve the Read Well by Third Grade report.**

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

Faulise left at 6:28pm.

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. No changes were made to 612.1 after the Title 1 committee met. Julie “Aspenized” the changes needed for 534 with regard to how Aspen meal are ordered and with regard to the free lunch and breakfast the state legislature passed.

- Motion: **Approve Policy 534 School Meals Policy, 1st Read.**

First Mong Second Smitley Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve Policy 612.1 Development of Parent and Family Engagement Policies for Title 1 Programs, 2nd Read.**

First Allison Second DiCapo Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Faulise/Price)

- Motion: **Approve the contract with Word of Mouth for speech/language services for the 2023-2024 school year.**

First Mong Second DiCapo Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve the Special Education Teacher Coach position.**

First Smitley Second Mong Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve Nate Winter or designee at CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP as delegation of Authority to make electronic funds transfer for Aspen Academy.**

First Allison Second Smitley Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

- Committee Report: Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – 92% through fiscal year, revenue 93%, expenditures 93% (field trip, unemployment, Infinite Campus fee for next year) DCOH – FoAA owes money, doing all fed draws before June 30th. Bond covenant numbers looking good. Lease aid going to be submitted. Some line items are over 100%, snow and custodian, budget will be adjusted. Nate looked at policy 722 and did not find anything that needed changes.

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

First DiCapo Second Mong Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve Policy 721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources, 1st Read**

First Mong Second Smitley Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve Policy 722 Public Data and Data Subject Requests, 1st Read**

First Smitley Second Allison Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____

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

- Committee Report: Committee did not meet. Will need to appoint a new teacher board member at July meeting to replace Rachel who will not be able to serve in her new Curriculum Coordinator position. One teacher application has been submitted.

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

- Committee Report: Met prior to tonight's board meeting.

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

- Administration Report: Strategic Plan Objective 6 – Festival of Nations took place March 17th, would like to extend to the larger community in the future.

- Committee Report: Look into new Strategic Plan in the fall, with the current one ending in 2024.

- **Adjournment at 6:59pm**

- First Mong Second Smitley Yes X(5) No _____ Abst _____