



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 26th, 2024 Time: 6:00pm Location: Aspen Media Center

School Board Norms of Engagement 2024 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 6:04pm**

In attendance Bryce Hotzler, Michael Faulise, rob Allison, Andrew Price, Kristin Carlson, Brandy Mosser, 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 Allison Second Carlson Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (January 22, 2024 and board retreat February 10, 2024).

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

Student Board Representative Report – by Nithya, Isaac and David. K had a visit from the Raptor Center, 1st went to see Dragons Love Tacos, 2nd – likes participating in “The Borrowers” trivia. 3rd – making clay objects in art. 4th – research paper on a country of their choice and Climb theater visited. 5th – MN Wild mascot and player came to talk about importance of exercise. MS – enjoying dressing up for I Love to Read month. SpEd – SEAC committee meeting happened. Specialists – several students chosen to participate in the MN State Honor Band in Mankato.

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Thank you to Mr. Sickmann and Mr. Jiskra for getting the hockey players to come. It was awesome! Thank you to the I love to Read committee for a great month of reading and activities. Thank you to the PTO and families for providing meals for conferences and decorating the lobby for I Love to Read Month.

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- **Hires - Resignations – Terminations – Non-Renewals**
 - Taylor Jiskra, teacher (effective 2-2-24)
 - Mandi Berndt, teacher (effective 3-1-24)

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

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Mosser)

- Administration Report: Changes were made to the attendance section of the student/parent/guardian handbook.
- Winter Data Report by Dr. Haley-Strub
 - Students took FastBridge assessments in math and reading in January.
 - Reading – 3 grade levels showed growth in 2 areas, 5 grades showed growth in 1 area. % of students in each grade level that showed growth from fall to winter: K 100, 1st 99, 2nd 85, 3rd 73, 4th 73, 5th 58, 6th 42, 7th 51, 8th 57.
 - Math – 4 grade levels showed growth in 2 areas, 4 grade levels showed growth in 1 area. % of students in each grade level that showed growth from fall to winter: K 99, 1st 61, 2nd 93, 3rd 93, 4th 86, 5th 88, 6th 51, 7th 64, 8th 63.
 - Instructional updates: Math DDI for K-6, next year adding 6-8. K & 1 incorporating more phonological awareness activities, 2nd grade more support for accuracy and automaticity, 3rd more fluency work, 4th adding fluency component, 5th adding support for phonics, morphology and vocabulary. 6th grade addressing needs of scholars far below target in math.
 - Thank you, Dr. Haley-Strub!

- Committee Report: The committee met to review the 2 calendar options. They recommended the after Labor Day start option to the board.
- Motion: **Approve the 2024-2025 school calendar.**
First Hotzler Second Carlson Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____
- Motion: **Approve Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook, 3rd read.**
First Carlson Second Mosser Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Price)

- Committee Report: The committee met before the meeting. Discussed finances, enrollment and general budget discussion. Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – 58% through fiscal year, revenues 58%, expenditures 57%. Lease aid has been submitted. Working on the 990. No questions on the check register.
- Motion: **Approve the January check register.**
First Allison Second Mosser Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

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

- Committee Report: The committee met to discuss the election timeline.

Marketing and Community Engagement Committee (Faulise/DiCapo)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. The board will change the title of this committee to just Community Engagement.
- Motion: **Approve Policy 213 School Board Committees.**
First Mosser Second Carlson Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

Strategic Planning Committee (Price/Mosser)

- Committee Report: Next steps will be another strategic committee meeting with those that attended the first meeting and community to make a final recommendation for the board to vote on.

- **Adjournment at 7:00pm**

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