



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 15th, 2024 Time: 6:00pm Location: Aspen Media Center

School Board Norms of Engagement 2024 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 Melanie Jiskra, Brandy Mosser, Kristin Carlson, Hani Mohamed, Andrew Price, Rob Allison, Bryce Hotzler, Stephanie Smitley

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 with edits.**

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

- Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (March 18th, 2024).

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

Student Board Representative Report – David reported that K will have their round-up on May 10th. 1st – working on opinion writing and counting to 120. 2nd – upcoming field trip to the Arboretum. 3rd – Mrs. Sterna’s class won the Golden Broom Award. 4th – MCAs coming up this week! 5th – MCAs coming up! Thank you to paras Emily, Ethan, Manisha and Jennie. Middle School also has MCAs coming up. Community service project had a movie night, Battle of the Books final competition is May 7th, Math Olympiads had 2 teams this year and is awaiting to hear about results. Choir and band concerts are coming up.

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Mrs. Gale’s community service class had a movie night. About 80 people attended and they raised \$260 to buy toys for Gillette Children’s Hospital. Congrats to Student Board Representative David who won the Optimist Youth Leadership Award!

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- **Hires - Resignations – Terminations – Non-Renewals**
 - Elizabeth Bock, para (effective 3-1-24)
- **Contracts for the 2024-2025 school year:**
 - Brenda Crissinger for Deaf/Hard of Hearing teacher
 - Capernum Pediatric Therapy, Inc. for occupation therapy and physical therapy services
 - Sentient Healthcare, Inc. for audiology services
 - Uptick Education for special education director and psychology services
 - EdSource Midwest for behavior support specialist
 - Moving Matters for DAPE services
 - Sally Poesh for physical/health disability teacher
 - Word Play for speech/language pathology services

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

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Mosser/Carlson)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Price/Hotzler)

- Committee Report: Committee met prior to the board meeting. Discussed FY24 budget, enrollment, facility and FY25 budget draft. Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – 75% through fiscal year. Revenue at 76% due to lease aid payments, expenditures at 75% with PD survey and strategic planning expenditures. FY25 budget draft due to Friends in May.

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

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

- Motion: **Approve draft FY25 budget.**

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

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

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. The candidate packet went out to staff and families on April 9th. There are 5 parent candidates for 3 spots, 2 teachers for 3 spots and no community members for 2 spots. Voting will take place between May 1st and May 9th. There will be in-person voting on May 9th. Time is TBD.

Community Engagement Committee (Faulise/DiCapo/Mohamed)

- Committee Report: Will have a meeting at the end of April.

Strategic Planning Committee (Price/Mosser/Hotzler)

- Committee Report: Andrew met with Melanie about having a committee meeting on the 29th after school.

- **Adjournment at** 6:18pm

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