



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 13th, 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 6:03pm**

In attendance Melanie Jiskra, Brandy Mosser, Hani Mohamed, Kristin Carlson, Andrew Price, Chris DiCapo, Bryce Hotzler, Steph 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**

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

- Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (April 15th, 2024).

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

Student Board Representative Report – Last report from Nithya, Isaac and David. Thank you David for attending and reporting! K- Looking forward to Field Day and last day picnic. 1st – American Symbol project. 2nd – making diorama habitats. 3rd – 13 colonies research paper and Gibb’s Farm field trip coming up. 4th – finished MCAs and field trip to MN History Center and Capitol. 5th – finished MCAs and had a relay race with their 2nd grade buddies. Middle school – finished MCAs, 8th grade MOA trip coming up, choir and band concerts were last week, middle school going to Valley Fair on the last day, community service class finished the toy box for dogs and met with Warrior Dog Rescue Minneapolis.

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Thank you to Mrs. Mong for leading Math Olympiad! Had several students in the top 50% and 1 in the top 10%.

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Mosser/Carlson)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Price/Hotzler)

- Motion: **Approve the 990 for 2023.**

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

- Motion: **Approve the SEL Teacher on special assignment position.**

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

- Motion: **Approve the contract amendment with TCEC for 2023-2024 school year.**

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

- Committee Report: Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – 83% through fiscal year, enrollment 618, revenue 85%, expenditures 83% - Eagle Bluff and marketing supplies. SpEd adjustment in IDEAs payment, DCOH – 61. Approve the check register next month since financials were late getting to the board.
- Motion: **Approve the April check register. – Moved to next month.**

- Motion: **Approve FY25 budget.**

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

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

- Administration Report: Mrs. Jiskra asked the board to approve Rob Essig and Julie Martini as emergency directors per policy 310.
- Motion: **Approve Rob Essig and Julie Martini as the Emergency Director replacements per policy 310.**

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

- Committee Report: The election took place May 9th. Ballots were counted by 2 board members and Mrs. Jiskra. There were 38 ballots with the following results: Rob Allison - 33, Andrew Price 27, Liliya Tsbulko 16, Bryce Hotzler 15, Jacob Hanson 14, Kristin Carlson 35, Stephanie Smitley 38. There was discussion around how to get more people to vote and more engagement with candidates. The committee will discuss before the next election.

Community Engagement Committee (Faulise/DiCapo/Mohamed)

- Committee Report: The committee met before the meeting. Discussed change to website, dependent on funds, social media content, had a good response from postcard mailers.

Strategic Planning Committee (Price/Mosser/Hotzler)

- Committee Report: More work to do on strategic plan. Next month could approve more hours for Julie Goldsmith to work with board and admin.

- **Adjournment at 6:35pm**

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