



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 27th, 2025 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 6:02pm**

In attendance Liliya Tsibulko, Stephanie Smitley, Kristen Carlson, Andrew Price, Rob Allison, Michael Faulise

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 as amended.**

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

- Motion: Approval of Minutes (December 9th, 2024).**

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

Student Board Representative Report by Ayah H. – Kindergarten is going on their first field trip this week. First grade – They had a hot cocoa party to celebrate reading in December. 2nd – are going to The Works this week. 3rd – built gingerbread houses with their buddies. 5th – finished their unit on Don Quixote with writing a 10 paragraph paper using figurative language and character traits. 6th – participated in Math Olympiads and the Spelling Bee. 7th & 8th – first semester is wrapping up and new classes will started this week. NJHS will sell Valentine’s candy grams. Congrats to THINK scholars – Mika, Brandon, Macey, Andrew, Austin and Habiba. Congratulations to William P in 6th grade for winning the Spelling Bee.

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mrs. Jiskra): Shout out to our Paraprofessionals for Paraprofessional Week! – Mr. Sandberg. Mr. Gross and the choir did a great job at the choir concert. Unity Day was a great success! Thank you to Ms. Maddie, Ms. Mong, Dr. Erin, Ms. Kayla and Ms. Keroff. Shout out to Ms. Milton leading the I Love to Read committee! Congratulations to 6th grader William P. for winning the Aspen Spelling Bee!

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- **Hires**
 - Tyler Japel, Seasonal, sub – para/recess/lunch sub (effective 1-2-25)
 - Marcia Gillet – para (effective 12-19-24)
- **Resignations/Terms/Non-renewals**
 - Tavon Cummings, para (effective 1-13-24)

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

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Carlson)

- Committee Report: The committee met December 11 to review 2 policies. 524 had cell phone use added by the legislature. Policy 426 did not need to be revised. The Employee Handbook will be changed to reflect the language in the policy.

- Motion: **Approve Policy 524 Internet, Technology, and Cell Phone Acceptable use and Safety.**

First Tsibulko Second Faulise Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____

- Motion: **Approve Policy 519 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies, 1st Read.**

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

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Faulise)

- Committee Report: The committee met before the board meeting. Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – 50% of the way through the fiscal year. Enrollment 643 at end of December. Revenue is 49%, expenditures 47%.

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

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

- Motion: **Approve opening a money-making account.**

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

- Motion: **Approve the \$750 annual membership fee for Charter Source for board training.**

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

Update – Andrew, Rob and Stephanie met with Julie Goldsmith to review work done on delineation of duties between director and principal. Adding more hours to work with admin team in finishing up this work.

- Motion: **Approve 5 more hours with Julie Goldsmith for work with admin team.**

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

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

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. The board is in need of 2 community members and a teacher. A community member can't be an employee or a parent or guardian of a student. There are also other ways to serve the school through board committees, coming to board meetings or PTO meetings.

- Motion: **Approve the resignation of Hani Mohamed effective 1-17-25.**

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

- Motion: **Approve Victoria Regehr for open parent board position starting after mandatory training and background check.**

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

Community Engagement Committee (Price)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. Victoria will be on the committee with Andrew.

Strategic Planning Committee (Price, Allison, Faulise)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet. Andrew will get an update on the plan for next month.

- **Adjournment at** 6:26pm

- First Smitley Second Carlson Yes X(6) No _____ Abst _____