



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Time: 6:00pm Location: Aspen Media Center

<b>School Board Norms of Engagement 2025</b> <b>The Board of Aspen Academy will</b>	
<b>Tenacity</b>	• form cohesion, cooperate, respectfully engage, listen effectively, and remain future minded.
<b>High Expectations</b>	• keep students first, speak with one voice, operate as a governance board.
<b>Integrity</b>	• 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.
<b>No Excuses</b>	• 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.
<b>Kindness</b>	• 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, Victoria Regehr, Stephanie Smitley, Liliya Tsibulko, Kristin 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**

First Tsibulko Second Carlson Yes X(7) No \_\_\_\_\_ Abst \_\_\_\_\_

• Motion: **Approval of Minutes** (March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025).

First Smitley Second Regehr Yes X(7) No \_\_\_\_\_ Abst \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Board Representative Report** by Ayah H. – Kindergarten started subtraction. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – students and staff are missing Mrs. Woodward. She continues to be in everyone's thoughts and prayers. 5<sup>th</sup> grade finished their area of a triangle/parallelogram unit and are reviewing test strategies for MCAs. 6<sup>th</sup> grade is looking forward to the Valley Fair field trip and the science fair. SpEd is currently working on their small group activities.

**ASPEN ACCOLADES** (Mrs. Jiskra): North Central University sent students to Aspen recently. Thank you to Ms. Fleck, Behrens, Thomas and Tyler for hosting them in their classrooms. Thank you to Rachel Gulachek, Dr. Erin, Rachel Mong, Jed Martini, Wade Philips, Anne Keroff, Jodi Herlick and everyone involved in the organization, prepping, planning and administering MCA testing. Testing is off to a great start! Middle school had 34 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 31 7<sup>th</sup> and 17 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on honor roll. Prior Lake's Optimist Youth Appreciation Award is going to 8<sup>th</sup> graders Ayah H. and Claire H. Congrats to them! Lots of fun activities coming up the last week of school for Middle School.

#### **Program Services Committee (Smitley/Carlson)**

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

#### **Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Faulise)**

- Administration Report: Ms. Linkert is asking for the money raised from Art to Remember to be used for art supplies.
- Motion: **Approve Art to Remember fundraiser for art supplies.**

First Regehr Second Tsibulko Yes X(7) No \_\_\_\_\_ Abst \_\_\_\_\_

- Committee Report: The committee met prior to the board meeting. Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – 75% through fiscal year, revenue 76%, expenditures 75%. Working on a revised budget for next month, FY26 draft is ready to approve for Friends of Education. Still waiting for stability in legislative budget for FY26. Budgeting for 672 students.
- Motion: **Approve the March check register.**

First Allison Second Smitley Yes X(7) No \_\_\_\_\_ Abst \_\_\_\_\_

- Motion: **Approve the draft FY26 budget.**

First Allison Second Smitley Yes X(7) No \_\_\_\_\_ Abst \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Committee Report: Board elections update – Victoria was the only person to apply for a board position. We will be short 1 parent, 2 community members and 1 teacher. In-person voting will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>, time TBD.

#### **Community Engagement Committee (Price/Regehr)**

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

#### **Strategic Planning Committee (Price, Allison, Faulise)**

- Committee Report: The committee will meet after Julie Goldsmith meets with the admin team to finish role delineation.

The Festival of Nations is Friday!

- **Adjournment at 6:19pm**

- First Smitley Second Regehr Yes X(7) No \_\_\_\_\_ Abst \_\_\_\_\_