



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 23rd, 2026 Time: 6:00pm Location: Aspen Media Center

School Board Norms of Engagement 2026 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.
Notable Accountability	<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 6:05pm**

In attendance Kristin Carlson, Liliya Tsibulko, Michael Faulise, Rob Allison, Stephanie Smitley, Eric Sandberg, Victoria Regehr

Authorizer Comments Elise Santa in attendance

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 removal of FY26 budget revision.**

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

- Motion: Approval of Minutes (January 26th, 2026).**

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

Student Board Representative Report: Zoe reported on K-4. Kindergarten is taking a field trip to the Minnesota History Museum. 1st – had Friendship parties and great conferences. 2nd – looking forward to I Love to Read Day on Friday. 3rd- working on functional writing pieces and fractions. 4th – showing lots of growth on FastBridge! 5th – will be starting a unit on astronomy. Middle school by Taya – the middle school dance was a lot fun with karaoke, games and a photo booth.

ASPEN ACCOLADES (Mr. Sandberg): Shout out to the PTO (and Aspen families) for providing conference meals! It was the best one ever, breakfast for dinner! Also, for the amazing decorations in the lobby. Shout out to the I Love to Read Committee for all of their work on ILTR month! Shout out to the PBIS team who will finish their 9th and final round of training tomorrow.

Approve the following consent agenda items:

- William Bennett, para (effective 2-17-26)

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

Program Services Committee (Smitley/Carlson)

- Administration Report: Data report by Dr. Erin Haley-Strub
 - FastBridge Winter assessments
 - Reading – 2nd, 4th, 5th made gains in 2 areas. K, 1st, 3rd, 8th made gains in 1 area. K -82% meeting target, 2-5 average increased from 68 to 73%, big gains made in CBM reading from fall. MDE composite risk scores were reported for each grade.
 - Math – K, 2nd, 4th, 6th made gains in 2 areas. 1st 5th, 7th made gains in 1 area. K stayed the same with addition of decomposing. 2-5 increased from 77 to 79%. 6-8 increased 75 to 77%.

Thank you Dr. Erin for your informative presentation!

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Finance & Facility Committee (Allison/Tsibulko)

- Committee Report: The committee met prior to the meeting. Presentation of Financials by Nate Winter – 58% through FY26. Revenue and expenditure at 57%. February will have big SpEd payment coming. Large snow removal fees, utility costs jumped. Should

have about 3 more months before fully moving out of Sterling. Will move Woodbury account to new bank also. Should have revised FY26 next month.

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

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

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

- Committee Report: The committee will meet in the next 2 weeks.

Community Engagement Committee (Regehr/Carlson)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

Strategic Planning Committee (Faulise)

- Committee Report: The committee did not meet.

- **Adjournment at 6:45pm**

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