

Eagle Arts Academy Meeting of the Board of Directors October 11, 2016 Board Minutes

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:03pm.

Roll Call: Michelle Morley, Chantal Segurola, & Tim Quinn, Via Teleconference: *Dr. Robertson*. Colleen Kirk joined via teleconference at 12:09 pm. Donna McGowan arrived via teleconference at 12:22 pm (Dr. Robertson left at 12:20 pm)

Administrative Staff and Invited Guests: Principal Smith, Assistant Principal Brandine, ESE Coordinator Gina Siringo, Founder Gregory Blount, Phil DiComo, legal counsel, and Joe Asen, financial advisor from CSMC joined via teleconference at 12:19 pm

1. Old Business:

The directors reviewed and discussed the prior board meeting minutes.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from June 30, 2016:

Michelle motions to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from June 30, 2016 Chantal Seconds the Motion Tim, Dr. Robertson Approve Motion is unanimously approved- (Donna & Colleen not present at the time of vote)

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2016:

Michelle Motions to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2016 Chantal Seconds the Motion Tim, Dr. Robertson Approve Motion is unanimously approved-(Donna & Colleen not present at the time of vote)



2. New Business:

Adoption of the Revised Student / Parent Handbook in Spanish, Creole and Portuguese:

The directors each received a copy and reviewed the revised Student/Parent Handbook which had been transcribed into various languages. After discussion and review:

Michelle Motions to Adopt the Revised Student / Parent Handbook in Spanish, Creole and Portuguese
Tim Seconds the Motion
Chantal, and Dr. Robertson approve
Motion is unanimously approved – (Donna & Colleen not present at the time of vote)

Adoption of the 2015-16 Independent Audit (King & Walker):

The directors each received a copy and reviewed the 2015-16 Audit conducted by King & Walker After discussion and review

Michelle Motions to Adopt the 2015-16 Independent Audit (King & Walker)
Tim Seconds the Motion
Chantal & Dr. Robertson approve
Motion is unanimously approved— (Donna & Colleen not present at the time of vote)

Adoption of the SIP (Student Improvement Plan):

The directors each received a copy and reviewed the Student Improvement Plan. Principal Smith and Assistant Principal Brandine addressed the provisions of the plan and answered questions about the plan. After further discussion and review:

Tim Motions to Adopt the SIP (Student Improvement Plan) Chantal Seconds the Motion Michelle, Colleen & Dr. Robertson approve Motion is unanimously approved

Approval of EAA Board Response to District Letter: (Pending Legal Approval)

The directors each received a copy and reviewed the draft response to the School District regarding its September 7, 2016 Notice of Non-Compliance letter. After discussion and review:



Tim Motions to Approve EAA's Board Response to District Letter pending legal review and approval
Michelle Seconds the Motion
Chantal, Colleen & Dr. Robertson approve
Motion is unanimously approved

Approval of Schedule for future Board Meetings:

Tim Motions to Approve Schedule for future Board Meetings (*1st Monday of each Month at Noon, with the exception of January, 2017... 11/7/2016, 12/5/2016 & 1/9/2017, 2/6/2017, 3/6/2017, 4/3/2017, 5/1/2017, 6/5/2017*) - * Subject to change Michelle Seconds the Motion Colleen, Chantal & Dr. Robertson approve Motion is unanimously approved

Executive Director Update: Mr. Blount addressed the board with an update on school operations. He stated that Chrome books arrived and teachers are getting the support they need. Textbooks have been ordered and teachers have what they need. Curriculum night went well and we gave each family that was present a copy of the diagnostic tests and progress report of each student in Language Arts and Math. Parents met with the new administration staff. He also reported that the middle school has introduced Block Scheduling, which provides 100 minute periods except for Fridays and our 7th period, this provides the teachers the ability to teach & reteach. Due to the restructure of Middle School EAA now has an intensive reading and math to assist the ESE students. Giving the students the time and support that they need to do better. Mr. Blount then asked Mr. Asen to report on the recent meeting of the School District Inspector General Audit Committee.

<u>IG Meeting Update:</u> Joe Asen – Joe attended the Inspector General Audit meeting on behalf of EAA. Joe was present and answered all questions asked about EAA. Joe believed that EAA was well-received, and reported that the committee members appeared to concur that many of the issues have been addressed by the school and its new administrative and operational staff. They noted it was a longer than typical audit process.



Board Member Comments: None. **Public Comments:** No one present

Tim Motions to adjourn meeting at 12:32 pm Chantal Seconds Michelle, Colleen, and Donna approve Motion is unanimously approved – Dr. Robertson left the meeting prior to the vote