



“To Live, To Love, To Learn, To Leave a Legacy”

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Jan. 23rd, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM Room 120

School Mission Statement: STRIDE Academy nurtures individuals while fostering leadership and empowering students to attain their highest potential in a family-centered environment.

Members present: Sara Fromm, Eric Williams, Alicia Jelliff, Aaron Lundblad, Suzy McIntyre, Andy Lyman.

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

- A. Mission Statement of STRIDE Academy

II. Approval of Agenda **Motion to approve by Lyman, Second by Jelliff. Motion carries.**

III. Consent Agenda **Approved**

- A. Minutes
- B. Finance Report
- C. Treasurers Report
- D. Approve to Contract with assistive technology consulting services from Nichole Krier through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- E. Accept Request for Leave of Absence from Jenna Goebel from May 3rd through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- F. Accept Request for Leave of Absence from Emma Hamilton from April 2nd through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- G. Approve to Hire Hani Hashi, Paraprofessional
- H. Accept Diane Moellers Retirement
- I. Approve to post for Principal Position
- J. III. Public Comment

The School Board welcomes input from community members and staff. **No comments**

Each person addressing the council shall give his/her name for the record. Each person making public comment is limited to three minutes. Comments should be kept courteous and professional and directed to the board as whole.

After the speaker has made his or her statement, he or she will be seated with no further comment, dialogue or debate.

V. Reports

- Executive Director
 - Enrollment as of Today 454, down from 460 but working on calling families in the waiting list
 - School Choice Week is coming up January 27-31
 - Representatives Tama Thies & Sondra Erickson will be visiting Feb.4th in the morning
 - Conferences are Feb. 6th & 7th, and will have a better idea by then about registration numbers.
 - Registration night Jan 16th, was successful with 23 Kindergarten registrations, approx. 14 siblings giving a verbal intent. And we will be asking families during conferences for intent to return.
 - Regarding 8th Gr. We are still working on logistics. It's been very difficult to find a Math teacher.
 - For staffing, we are already posting for a Principal & Math teacher. Also considering adding an Assistant Principal for next year so I can reduce my full time status to part time.
 - We had a call with Investors on Tuesday the 21st. Money is getting tighter due to not getting a waiver on this year's principle. If we have an 8th Gr, financially we will break even.
 - During the Governance meeting, it was recommended a work group to convene to evaluate and make recommendations for next year with a goal to reduce absenteeism overall and at critical times throughout the year.
 - Regarding the facilities, I've been in contact with Ted Schmid and the land is still available.

- Principal's Report
 - Finishing up MAP testing in January
 - Starting WIDA EL testing in 4 different areas now happening in February
 - With MCA's in April and May
 - Did some updates in Technology with 2 new computers carts for 7th grade and Special Ed
 - Also some Ipads for Special Ed. and an adaptive Math & reading program.
 - Since so many staff members did the free trial membership for ESpark, they contacted me and are letting us use the program for free for the rest of the school year.
 - Now I am in my 2nd round of Observations and continue to be very impressed especially with the energy of our first year teachers.
 - We are offering childcare for conferences and have about 12 interpreters to help.
 - We are all set for Choice Week with many activities.
 - I had a Webinar today with Promise Fellow for Supervisors on how to help our fellows. We have information on the positive impact of Steve Casanova with the students that he is working with from September to December 2019.
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- Standing Committee Report
 - Academic Excellence
 - See report attached.
 - Governance
 - See report attached.
 - Had some discussion about what needs to be done for next elections.
 - Finance and Budget
 - We just had our meeting early today. Nothing significant came up.
 - Kara asked the board members not to approve the revised budget because it is based on prior higher enrolment numbers and need to make adjustments accordingly. It was presented to investors during the phone call. Our cash is tight but if we continue to be timely with food service claims and our Federal money claims we will be fine.

VI. Business

- A. Accept Revised Budget
 - **This was addressed tonight but it was table for next month's Board meeting.**
- B. Approve AEC Goals
 - **Motion to approve made by Lyman, Second by Jelliff. Motion carries.**
- C. Set date and time for Board Work Session
 - **The board approved to move the April 23rd meeting from 6pm to 5pm with a board work session beginning after the regular meeting has adjourned.**

VII. Adjourn 6:56 PM