



ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 4th, 2019

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 7:30 am.

B. Roll Call

| | Present | Absent |
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| Samantha Odo, Chairperson | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Jason Liso, Treasurer | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Marcilyn Jones, Secretary | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Troy Stevens, Member | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Claudia Reynolds, Member | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |

C. Public Comments- Items not on the Agenda

Staff Member/Teacher Stacey Lazo expressed that she does not want to come to work because she has been struggling with problems within her class and doesn't feel she is getting the support she needs to do her job. After Mrs. Lazo spoke Mr. Stevens requested that Dr. Cогnetta and Dr. Moreno look into see what's happening tomorrow to make sure Mrs. Lazo is being supported and if they feel the board needs to get involved to let them know how they can assist. Mr. Liso expressed agreement with Mr. Stevens and said he's not sure what is going on and would like to know more. He is concerned and said that people come first and her being so upset will affect the students which can't be allowed to happen and they should get to the bottom of it. Mrs. Odo agreed.

D. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for November 4, 2019

Motion (Stevens), second (Liso), motion carried out by a vote of 5-0 to approve and adopt the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for November 4, 2019 as well as moving item #4 to item #1 as Board Member Mr. Liso would need to leave after #1.

II. Open Session:

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:

1. Update from Parents and Community for Kids

PACK member Laura Vestey gave the following update:

- *She thanked all that attended and helped with the Fall Festival. Over \$14,000 was raised.*
- *The next event is the Restaurant of the Month at Chick-fil-A in which they will donate 25% back to ASA.*
- *The next event will be the Ultra Fun Run and the schoolwide goal is \$25,000 and so far they're at \$8,500. There was a recent kick off assembly to get the students excited.*
- *The Holiday Boutique is coming up and applications are available for vendors. This event is so students may shop at a low price (everything under \$5) for family members.*

2. CEO's Report

Dr. Cognetta gave the following update:

- *He thanked the PACK for all they did for the Fall Festival, he was astonished at how many people were there and what a fun event it was. It was very organized as well. He said it was nice seeing the community come together.*
- *He thanked the PACK for the Ultra Fun Run coming up.*
- *He thanked CVUSD for what they've been doing in regards to installing our water filtration systems as well as other things they've been working on around campus.*
- *He's excited to share that last month a couple of our student representatives attended the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council meeting and they came up with a district wide Got Kindness initiative which will be pushed out soon. He's happy that we are part of an effort that goes across the entire district.*
- *Enrollment/Attendance Update: We're fully enrolled at 660 and currently have a waitlist in all grade levels.*
- *Attendance: Our budget is at 95% attendance (ADA) and as of right now we're at 97.5% ADA. We'll continue to track it closely.*
- *Professional Development: Grade levels have been selecting a target area based on local and CAASPP data and are at the point of identifying where to set goals, we're looking at instructional implications and looking at how well we've improved in areas.*
- *Some teachers were recently sent to a GATE institute to make sure our capacity is developed in that area.*
- *Our Paraprofessionals have participated in a second day of disability awareness onsite training. SELPA provides dense trainings in which we take advantage of as often as possible. Last month they participated in a dyslexia session as well.*
- *October 31st was Literature Day and we also hosted a Curriculum Instruction visit from CVUSD and the focus was sufficiency of instructional material. Mrs. Warner and Dr. Park visited every classroom joined by Dr. Cognetta.*
- *Dr. Moreno spoke about a recent meeting with parents of English Learners followed by an English Learners Advisory Committee Meeting which was well attended. Translators for different languages were there as well and parents were assured that they had the support if/when needed.*

- *Dr. Cognetta gave an update on clubs Snap the Gap (all girls club) and VEX Robotics. He thanked Laura Vestey for bringing Snap the Gap to us as well as Lynnsey Okada for coaching it. He also mentioned that we are the first public school to receive a grant for the VEX Robotics club; prior to that VEX Robotics was a big hit primarily in private schools. We also have the first girls team that will participate in the competition.*

3. Staff Report

- *Teacher Mrs. Deanna Campagna said that Literature Day was a big success and that the students loved parading their costumes around campus. She also said it was nice having guest readers go to different classes to read stories.*
- *The day after was a non-school day and it was valuable as a staff to get together and meet and discuss different topics. Some topics were student lead celebrations, the new report cards, grading, the different grade level's curriculum, etc.*

Mr. Stevens asked Dr. Cognetta when the updates will go out to parents in regards to report cards and the grading system. Dr. Cognetta said it will be sent out at the end of the week after a few aspects were fine tuned.

4. PAL Report

- *PAL member Marie Darnall gave an update on PAL. She said that over the past month the PAL assisted with the Fall Festival. Every morning they continue to greet parents and students. Recently a couple of members attended the meeting that Dr. Cognetta spoke about. In the next several months they'll roll out monthly slogans along with other middle and high schoolers to spread kindness. The slogans are: Hello, I See You, I Am Here, How Can I Help?, Let Kindness Grow, and Take Care. This will hopefully spread kindness and eliminate loneliness and exclusion. Upcoming activities are underway so the word may be spread with ASA peers.*
- *PAL member Cassandra Martinez also gave an update on PAL. Two members attended a recent PACK meeting and presented a proposal for an 8th grade square. The PACK generously donated \$1000 from their budget to get the square up and running over the course of the holidays. PAL will reach out for additional donations to assist with fundraising for the square. Mrs. Lohoff has agreed to donate a dedication plaque for the square (she thanked her for it).*

5. Prop 39 Facilities Request

Dr. Cognetta gave an overview on Prop 39 Facilities Request.

6. LCAP Local Indicators

Dr. Cognetta gave an overview on the LCAP Local Indicators.

7. LCAP Goal 1: CAASPP Performance 2018-19

Dr. Cognetta gave an overview on the LCAP Goal 1: CAASPP Performance 2018-2019.

C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT:

- 1. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors October 7, 2019**

2. Check Register for the month of September, 2019

Motion (Jones), second (Stevens), motion carried out by a vote of 5-0 to approve and adopt the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for October 7, 2019 and the Check Register for the month of September, 2019.

D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

1. Preliminary Charter Petition Renewal

Dr. Cognetta and the Board Members discussed, at length, the Preliminary Charter Petition Renewal. Questions and concerns were addressed by the Board Members in which Dr. Cognetta answered. Main concerns were timelines in which Dr. Cognetta addressed.

Motion (Liso), second (Reynolds), motion carried out by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Preliminary Charter Petition Renewal.

RECESS

Board Chair, Samantha Odo, called for a recess at 8:22pm and the meeting resumed at 8:29 pm.

2. Financial Update for September, 2019

Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a Financial Update for September, 2019.

Motion (Stevens), second (Reynolds), motion carried out by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Financial Update for September, 2019.

3. Updated FY20 ASA Budget

Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a presentation on the Updated FY20 ASA Budget.

Motion (Jones), second (Odo), motion carried out by a vote of 4-0 to approve the Updated FY20 ASA Budget.

4. Revised 2019-20 School Calendar

Motion (Stevens), second (Odo), motion carried out by a vote of 4-0 to adopt and approve the Revised 2019-20 School Calendar.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Comments from Board of Directors

- *Claudia Reynolds:*
 - *She said she was impressed with how the 7th and 8th graders conducted themselves at High School Night and believes it is a reflection of our teachers and what they are being taught. She said they presented themselves in a very professional way and spoke well. She thanked the teachers for all they do.*
- *Marcylin Jones*
 - *She said great job in regards to last year's CAASPP scores.*

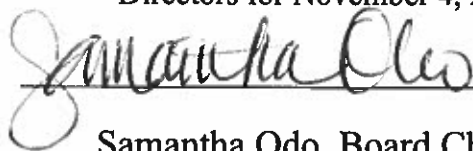
- *She also said she's worked across ten different districts and to see the type of collaboration we have with our authorizer is something you just never see happen. She wanted everyone to know that this is not the norm and that a school district would not usually provide valuable feedback if they were not interested in the school; this shows that our leaders are doing to make things happen. She thanked Dr. Cognetta, Dr. Moreno, and everyone else that has been working on the Charter Renewal for all their hard work as she knows a lot happens behind the scenes.*
- **Troy Stevens**
 - *He said that the Fall Festival was awesome, even better than last year. He was pleased to see how many people showed up. He thanked the PACK for all their hard work as well as Claudia Reynolds for getting high schoolers to help. He also thanked Colony High School for their help as well.*
 - *He said the CAASPP scores were great and was glad to hear that CVUSD members are pleased with them as well.*
 - *He said it was hard to hear what Mrs. Lazo said earlier and he wanted to know that she's being heard by the board and Admin and they'd like to hear more from her and Admin to see what the issue is and how they can help resolve it; he doesn't want her to not want to come to work. He assured her of their support and said they'd figure out a solution.*
 - *He thanked the board members, teachers, and staff for all of the hours they put in, their hard work, dedication and the time that they give.*
- **Samantha Odo**
 - *She said that the Fall Festival was amazing and that it was so nice to see so many people there. She thanked the teachers for supporting it and she knows the kids enjoyed seeing them.*
 - *She thanked the PACK for putting on such awesome events for our school.*
 - *She told Mrs. Lazo that she is heard and that they want to make sure she wants to come to school every day.*

F. ADJOURNMENT

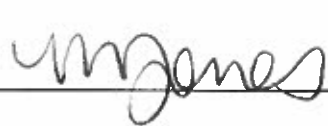
1. It is recommended the Board of Directors:

Motion (Stevens), second (Reynolds), motion carried out by a vote of 4-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for November 4, 2019.

Samantha Odo, Board Chair, adjourned the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors for November 4, 2019 at 8:49 pm.



 Samantha Odo, Board Chair



 Marcylin Jones, Board Secretary