



**ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**March 2, 2020  
Minutes**

**I. Preliminary**

**A. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 7:30 pm.*

**B. Roll Call**

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

**C. Public Comments- Items not on the Agenda**

*There were no public comments for Items not on the Agenda.*

**D. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for March 2, 2020**

*Motion (Stevens), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting for March 2, 2020.*

**II. Open Session:**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION:**

**1. Update from Parents and Community for Kids**

*PACK member Jennifer Stevens gave the following report:*

- *The GALA was a success. She thanked all that participated and attended.*
- *The Daughter and Special Someone was not a fundraiser, it did bring in money; over \$2,000 was raised. Next year they'll need a bigger venue.*

- *At their last meeting they voted to purchase a digital marquee for the front of the school.*
- *They purchased a heavy duty, commercial carpet cleaner for the custodians.*
- *Son & Special Someone update: Friday, May 1st, Quake Game, \$25.00 for a pair of tickets and an additional \$5 for additional siblings. They'd like to get t-shirts made for the kids for purchase and then they will be able to participate on the field.*
- *Spring See's Candies will be sold soon (flyers went out recently) and orders will be distributed the first week of April.*

## **2. CEO's Report**

*Dr. Cognetta gave an update on the following:*

- *Thanks to the CVUSD staff for their recommendation for renewal and for their board for approving our renewal. He also thanked the families for supporting us as well.*
- *He said the Gala was a lot of fun and thanked the PACK for their hard work.*
- *Another round of robotics kits were purchased by the PACK.*
- *He gave a shout out to the coaches (Mr. Cox, Ms. Harmer, Odyssey coaches, Mrs. Lazo & her volunteer coaches).*
- *He thanked Lori Cunningham, Janelle Miranda, Jack Chen, and Steve Bell for routinely volunteering in the eSTEAM room.*
- *He thanked Sara Lopez for all she's doing to be sure we are squared away with all of our new hires.*
- *He thanked Marcylin Jones, Samantha Odo, and Andrew Vestey for reading to the students today for National Read Across America Day.*
- *We remain fully enrolled.*
- *Our attendance is at 96%.*
- *We're ready for the lottery scheduled for March 14th.*
- *Staffing: Dr. Callie Moreno and Celeste Cardenas attended a job fair recently to be sure we recruit the right people for our team. Cyndi. Valenta and Sara Lopez will be attending one in the near future.*
- *We're almost completed the first round of staff evaluations.*
- *He said we'll bring on a principal for next year and that he doesn't plan on going anywhere, he wants to remain present for the community as well as the staff. He would like to make sure that our culture stays strong and that the team is aware of the expectations of what that means.*
- *He'll push out a salary scale/range to the board members soon. This will also help current and future staff get a sense of what growth looks like in the organization.*
- *Facilities: We have a quote from a company that CVUSD uses and it's well within our budget and we'll have them on campus soon.*
- *We've been working with CVUSD on the marquee to make sure everything is set up for it to be installed. An in depth financial update will be given later but it was important to note that a highlight is that no factoring is needed and even with factoring we are well within our budget; it's nice to save an additional \$12-\$15,000 on that.*
- *Dr. Moreno gave an update on Professional Development:*
- *Several teachers recently went to a seminar on fostering resilient learners and they reported that it was really informative.*

- *Coming up is a CUE conference on educational technology in which a number of teachers will attend.*
- *Some teachers have been involved in book studies which is driven by a desire to better support students. Some of the books they're reading are: Lost at School and Fostering Resilient Learners. For the academic/instructional side, they are reading The Power of Grammar. This brings together teachers that see a need and desire to address the needs.*

### **3. Staff Report**

*Teacher, Stacey Lazo, gave the following Staff Report:*

- *They just finished up the second trimester and are currently working on report cards.*
- *Mrs. Lohoff and the PALs have been tutoring a couple of the the younger kids per class and one of her students has expressed how much it has helped her.*
- *The 4th grade students just finished their Service Learning Project with Priceless Pets and she just recently delivered items over to them to help with the animals.*
- *The middle school student's upcoming Service Learning Project is the Healthy Heart Challenge and will be focusing on healthy habits.*
- *She was able to participate in the Trauma Sensitive PD and found it to be very informative and was able to utilize it the following day.*
- *She invited all to the upcoming Seussical Performances.*
- *The Track Meet will be on March 14th and all are invited all.*

### **4. PAL Report**

*Mrs. Lohoff gave the following PAL Report:*

- *An invite was extended to all teachers grades 1-3 for tutoring inviting students that needed extra support.*

### **5. LCAP School Culture**

*Dr. Cognetta gave an update on the LCAP School Culture:*

- *Before spring break we'll conduct a brief student school culture survey to collect invaluable data.*
- *At the next Coffee with Community he'll discuss the survey as well as their growth plan (bringing on more students), and will also provide a recap for those that weren't able to attend the recent middle school program meeting.*

## **C. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR CONSENT:**

**1. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors February 3, 2020**

**2. Check Register for the month of January, 2020**

*Motion (Jones), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting for February 3, 2020 and the Check Register for the month of January, 2020.*

## **D. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:**

**1. Financial Update for January, 2020**

*Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a presentation on the January 2020 Financial Update.*

*Motion (Stevens), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the Financial Update for January, 2020.*

**2. Updated FY20 ASA Budget**

*Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a presentation on the Updated FY 20 ASA Budget.*

*Motion (Odo), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve and adopt the Updated FY20 ASA Budget.*

**3. 2nd Interim Financial Report**

*Jim Weber with Charter Impact gave a presentation on the 2nd Interim Financial Report.*

*Motion (Jones), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve and adopt the 2nd Interim Financial Report.*

**4. Quote for Chromebook Purchase from Kajeet**

*Motion (Stevens), second (Jones), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the Quote for Chromebook purchases from Kajeet for \$58,000 (not to exceed this amount and to get a couple more quotes).*

**5. 2020-2021 School Calendar**

*Motion (Jones), second (Stevens), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar.*

**6. Contract Related to Audit and Tax Services**

*Motion (Stevens), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to adopt and approve the CLA contract related to audit and tax services.*

**7. Governance Committee: Board Member Recruitment and Selection Process**

*The Allegiance STEAM Academy Board of Directors nominated Troy Stevens and Samantha Odo to serve on the Governance Committee by a vote of 3-0.*

**8. Quote for Eureka Math Curriculum**

*Motion (Jones), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to approve and adopt the quote for Eureka Math Curriculum for \$22,044.39.*

**E. COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. Comments from Board of Directors**

- *Marcilyn Jones said she had a lot of fun at the Gala. She also enjoyed reading to the students today as well.*
- *Troy Stevens thanked the coaches (Odyssey, Basketball and Track). He also thanked the PAL members and Mrs. Lohoff for all they've done and keep doing. He thanked everyone for supporting the school on the night of the renewal vote; he's excited for the next 5 years. He's looking forward to the Track Meet and the Lottery. He had a lot of fun at the Gala as well; he thanked the PACK for making the night so much fun.*
- *Samantha Odo said she had fun at the Gala. She was at the Odyssey of the Mind competition this past weekend where five of the teams competed. Three will be advancing to state championships on March 21st. She's*

*excited about the upcoming Seussical performance. She thanked all of the coaches for an amazing job they're all doing, including all of the volunteers putting in their time help. She thanked the office staff for all they've been dealing with (sick kids, Short-term Independent Studies, etc.).*

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion (Jones), second (Odo), motion carried by a vote of 3-0 to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for March 2, 2020.*

Samantha Odo, Board Chair, adjourned the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors for March 2, 2020 at 8:34 pm.



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**Samantha Odo, Board Chair**



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**Marcylin Jones, Board Secretary**