



# ALLEGIANCE STEAM ACADEMY

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

### January 11, 2021

### Minutes

#### I. PRELIMINARY

##### A. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order by Board Chair at 7:31pm*

##### B. Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Samantha Odo, Board Chair	<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

*No Public Comments.*

##### D. Approval of Agenda for Regular Board Meeting on January 11, 2021

*Motion ( Troy Stevens ), second ( Samantha Odo ), motion carried by a vote 5-0 to approve the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting on January 11, 2021.*

#### II. OPEN SESSION

## **A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION**

### **1. Update from The PACK (Parents And Community for Kids)**

- *Laura Vestey shared that the PACK Board cancelled their last board meeting so there aren't many updates. The car parade that was scheduled right before Winter Break was also cancelled out of an abundance of caution. The PACK plans to reschedule the car parade when it is safer to do so.*

### **2. Staff Report**

- *Deanna Campagna shared that staff took the advice of administration and took time away from screens and spent time with family and friends over break. Once school resumed, staff hit the ground running with meetings, emails, lesson planning, and teaching. Coming up is Outdoor Education Day and 2nd Trimester Conferences.*

### **3. CEO's Report**

*We are now in the tenth month of Distance Learning. Dr. Cognetta realizes how difficult this is for every stakeholder. Everyone wants to get our kids back but so much of it is out of our control. There continues to be so many unknowns. Thank you to Diana and Kathleen for their work in open enrollment. There have been 340 students who have applied so far. Open Enrollment will end on February 12th and the lottery is scheduled for March 13. There will be a lottery at every grade level. We are considering adjusting the requirements for enrolling for TK. More information to come. Thanks to school portraits for working with us during this challenging time. End of the month is National School Choice Week. Evidence that school choice is beneficial to communities. Mrs. Lohoff shared about the ASA Community Service Project: Santa for Seniors. Thank you to Mindi and Kathleen for heading this up. At the senior home, they were in tears at the outpouring of support from our community. National School Choice and Conferences will take place at the end of the month. The leadership team is working on plans for that. Outdoor Day will be January 29 after a great response from the community for the last one. Mr. Lima is the new PAL coordinator and shared some upcoming events for PAL. Mr. Lima took the entire group of applicants to work with, all 24. Mr. Stevens asked if we are still planning on growing next year and Dr. Cognetta responded that it looks promising as the budget is healthy, but there are still many unknowns.*

### **4. Reopening Update**

*The Governor's new plan and recommendations on reopening will be released soon and we are awaiting that. Details on funding, reopening, PPE might be adjusted depending on the Governors guidelines.*

*Jason Liso asked if the Governor's new plan affects our waiver with the county to reopen. Sebastian shared that to his knowledge, our waiver is in a hold and will be looked at again as positive case rates decline.*

*Samantha Odo shared that she read an article that LAUSD will require the covid vaccine. She asked if this is something that ASA might consider doing? Sebastian shared that he hasn't heard anything from our authorizer, CVUSD, regarding requiring vaccinations.*

*There are plans to reopen our small cohort on January 19th.*

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

- 1. Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors on December 7, 2020*
- 2. Check Register for November, 2020*

*Motion to approve ( Jason Liso ), Second ( Marcilyn Jones ), Motion passes with a vote of 5-0.*

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

#### **1. Financial Update for November, 2020**

- Presented by Marisol from Charter Impact. Forecast surplus of 2.3 million. Revenue increase of \$639,000. The school continues to operate with a surplus.*

*Motion to approve Financial Update for November, 2020. Motion ( Claudia Reynolds ), Second ( Troy Stevens ), Motion passes by a vote of 5-0 to approve the Financial Update for November 2020.*

#### **2. Revised FY 21 Budget**

- Marisol from Charter Impact presented the Revised FY21 Budget. No questions or comments from the board.*

*Motion to approve the Revised FY21 Budget. Motion ( Marcilyn Jones ), Second ( Jason Liso ), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.*

#### **3. Annual Audit: FY19-20**

*Audit revealed that ASA continues to operate responsibly and that the school is in full compliance. Troy asked if CVUSD has reviewed or commented on the findings of the audit. Sebastian shared that he has not heard from CVUSD regarding the findings of the audit. Jason shared his appreciation to the staff and Sara Lopez for their work throughout the year to ensure a clean audit.*

*Motion to approve and adopt the ASA Annual Audit for FY19-20 ( Troy Stevens ), Second ( Marcilyn Jones ), Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.*

#### **4. School Accountability Report Card 2019/20**

*Dr. Cognetta presented. Jason asked when the SARC is due. Sebastian shared that it is due February 1st. Jason asked if the board could be provided a link to take a closer look at the SARC. Sebastian shared that a link will be provided to all board members. Unfortunately, the link to the SARC was inaccessible on Friday when the board packet was uploaded. Sam asked about a decrease in staff development days. Sebastian shared that there were 12 days of staff development in 2018-19 but that there are now 7 days of staff development. Claudia shared that CVUSD has less than 7 days of staff development in a school year.*

*Motion to adopt and approve the School Accountability Report Card 2019/20.*

*Motion ( Jason Liso ), Second ( Troy Stevens ). Motion passes by a vote of 5-0.*

#### **5. In-Person Instruction Health and Safety Policy**

*Recommended by Charter Impact to adopt this policy so that ASA can enforce current health guidelines. Marcy asked how ASA will publicize the guidelines. Sebastian shared that updates are shared to families via the Weekly Wolf Update, automated phone calls, and that zoom meetings will be held with parents of students that will be attending small cohorts. Sebastian shared that this policy allows administration to enforce current health recommendations set forth by the county/state in order to keep students healthy and on campus. Troy shared his concerns that the policy might allow for an overreach in the enforcement of guidelines, such as enforcing the covid vaccine. Troy motioned to table the In Person Health and Safety Policy. Motion ( Troy Stevens ), Second ( Jason Liso ), Motion passes 5-0.*

## **E. COMMUNICATIONS**

- *Claudia Reynolds: We started the new year with a lot of unknowns. She is glad to hear the update on Santa 4 Seniors and PAL plans. Happy New Year and thank you to all of the teachers.*
- *Troy Stevens: Happy New Year and he hopes that everyone enjoyed the holidays. Thank you to the PACK for wreaths that were gifted to Board Members. He welcomes the staff back from Winter Break and thanks everyone for starting the new year off strong. Troy sends his condolences to our families that have been affected by covid or lost a loved one.*
- *Marcilyn Jones: Wishes everyone a Happy New Year! The school year will end before we know it. Kudos to the leadership and teachers for continuing to raise the bar and push your students. She is excited about the PAL lunchtime activities.*
- *Jason Liso: Jason wishes everyone a Happy New Year and hopes that everyone was able to recharge their batteries. He has great appreciation for our teachers and wants our families to know that the work they are doing to help their students succeed is noticed and appreciated. The best is yet to come.*
- *Samantha Odo: Sam sends her condolences to families that have lost a loved one or are fighting covid. She gave a shout out to Mrs. Gil-Colon for doing a different activity everyday with her students. Sam appreciates the creativity to engage students.*

## **F. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn the January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at 9:06pm. Motion ( Samantha Odo ), Second ( Marcilyn Jones ), Motion carries by a vote of 5-0.*



Samantha Odo, Board Chair



Marcilyn Jones, Board Secretary