

STAR Academy

Space, Technology & Arts Academy of Colorado, Inc
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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2520 Airport Rd Colorado Springs, CO 80910 Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 6:00 pm

A. Preliminaries

1. Call to Order: 6:05 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Directors: **Atkins (Present), Breazell Sr. (Present), Brown (Present), Chisholm (Present), Loma Jr. (Present), Norton (Absent), Pizzolatto (Present)**

4. Approval of Agenda: Move to approve agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Loma, Jr. Second by: Breazell, Sr.

Directors: **Atkins (Aye), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (Aye), Loma Jr. (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**

5. Special Presentations
6. Audience Comments* (See notice)

B. Consent Agenda

- ❖ The Board will act upon all items as a package unless a member wishes to remove and note separately an individual item.
Move to accept consent agenda.

Motion made by: Breazell, Sr. Second by: Loma, Jr.

Directors: **Atkins (Aye), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (Aye), Loma Jr. (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**

1. Board Meeting Minutes 2009-10-27
2. Retreat Minutes 2009-10-23/24
3. Evaluation Form for ESP
4. Evaluation Form for CAO

C. Action Items

D. Non Action Items

1. Research the availability of funds to assist PTO with the purchase of sound system for STAR
Atkins will ask the PTO if they are willing to accept additional input on choice of sound system.
2. Janitorial Services
Breazell, Sr. suggests 30-day detailed checklists in each room for accountability and be prescriptive in the work expected. Loma, Jr. and CAO Torrez will meet to establish a solution with schedule for expected changes.
3. STAR's financial future (presented in President's Report)
4. The relationship of D11 Director/STAR Board Director
STAR Academy Board Members are supportive of Loma, Jr.'s position in serving on both District 11 Board of Education and STAR Academy Board of Directors.
5. Teaching Mandarin at STAR
Breazell, Sr. sees teaching Chinese at STAR Academy as an opportunity to expand features of education and improve quality. Mosaica has partnered with Rosetta Stone, which would make several language options and locations possible. Terry Gogerty will research and report to the Board at the December meeting.

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E. Information and Reports

❖ Members will present updates on any items that they wish to share with the entire board.

1. President's Report

Atkins gave presentation about launching STAR Academy to the next level. While the CAO's priority is about improving students and their scores, the Board's priority should be Expanding School, Improving the School's Financial Security and an emphasis on Busing available for students. The long-term goal is raising graduation rates in the future through the dedication to education in the early grades.

2. CAO Report (attached) – Joe Torrez

a. CSSI team will be reviewing school from December 7th – 9th. They will meet with staff, and board members. CAO Torrez suggests submitting availability for scheduling for meeting times.

b. CAO Torrez explained that STAR Academy received boxes of books through the Pikes Peak Library District culling process. CAO Torrez proposes that the calendar be altered to allow time for the teachers to categorize books for classroom libraries.

Move to make December 11 a full work day for teachers.

Motion made by: Loma, Jr. Second by: Breazell, Sr..

Directors: **Atkins (No), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (No), Loma Jr. (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**

3. Mosaica Report (attached) – Terry Gogerty

a. Gogerty explained the options about options for expanding school. He will draft a letter for a modified request for Adams Elementary School to get on the District 11 agenda for January.

b. Loma, Jr., and Gogerty will get a conference call with Bill Bethke and Jim Griffin of the League of Charter Schools to discuss the strategy for addressing Title I concerns over possible shortcomings in funding.

4. Committee Reports

a. Transportation: Breazell, Sr. reports that he contacted District 2 and District 11 about 2-tier service. District 11 will not offer the service and the buses discussed in previous meetings are no longer available for purchase.

b. Funding: Brown reports that funding and grant resources are being researched.

5. Secretary's Report

Pizzolatto reports that the documents are being organized for convenient reference and ensuring all the meeting minutes are uploaded to the school website.

6. Treasurer's Report

Chisholm reports that the September report had errors and he spoke with April at Mosaica. The corrected report is attached.

F. Executive Session

❖ An executive session is requested to address personnel and related budget items per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (e) and (f). (update on SPED / student information)

1. **Recommended Motion:** Move to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters and/or special education matter

Per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (e) and (f).

Time: 9:02 pm

Motion made by: Chisholm

Second by: Loma, Jr.

Directors: **(Aye), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (Aye), Loma Jr. (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**

2. **Recommended Motion:** Move to leave executive session

Per C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (e) and (f).

Time: 9:26 pm

Motion made by: Loma, Jr.

Second by: Breazell, Sr.

Directors: **(Aye), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (Aye), Loma Jr. (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**

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G. Future Agenda Items

H. Calendar Review and Update: The next meeting will be on December 15, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

I. Adjournment - Time: 9:27 pm

***Notice for Audience Comments**

- ♦ **In order to address the board, you must sign in by 5:50 p.m. or 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Each speaker is allowed 3 minutes to make their presentation.** If more than one speaker will comment on the same topic, please consolidate remarks to share new concepts and refrain from repeating the same message of an earlier speaker.
- ♦ Due to confidentiality and privacy laws, board members cannot discuss, or allow to be presented in a public meeting, any issue regarding a specific staff member or student. Personnel and specific student issues shall be discussed with the CAO prior to board involvement.
- ♦ The board president has a responsibility to maintain an orderly meeting and will call for an end to any presentation that may be deemed as slanderous or libelous and speakers are required to avoid comments that may fall into these categories. The board president may allow response to public comment during this meeting or at a later meeting. We listen with respect and ask those who address the board to do the same. In order to respect all persons addressing the board, we require that the audience not applaud individual speakers.

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