

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
January 26, 2010 at 6:00 PM

A. Preliminaries

1. Call to Order 6:03 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Directors: **Atkins (Present), Breazell Sr. (Present), Brown (Present), Chisholm (Present), Loma Jr. (Present), Norton (Present), Pizzolatto (Present)**
4. Approval of Agenda: Move to approve agenda as modified
Motion made by: Breazell, Sr. Second by: Loma, Jr.
Directors: **Atkins (Aye), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (Aye), Loma Jr. (Aye), Norton (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**

B. Consent Agenda

1. Board Meeting Minutes 12-15-2009
 2. Special Board Meeting Minutes 12-29-2009
- Move to approve consent agenda
Motion made by: Loma, Jr. Second by: Breazell, Sr.
Directors: **Atkins (Aye), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (Aye), Loma Jr. (Aye), Norton (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**

C. Action Items

1. Move to adjust budget to cover \$4,000 Computer Firewall
Motion made by: Loma, Jr. Second by: Norton
Directors: **Atkins (Aye), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (Aye), Loma Jr. (Aye), Norton (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**
Note: The firewall will allow the school to utilize a more economical internet connection to Mosaica. Joe Torrez will determine whether a T1 line is required for District 11 connection.
2. Move to accept November Financial Report
Motion made by: Breazell, Sr. Second by: Loma, Jr.
Directors: **Atkins (Aye), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (Aye), Loma Jr. (Aye), Norton (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**
3. Move to post the meeting notice on the exterior window of 2520 Airport Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80910.
Motion made by: Loma, Jr. Second by: Chisholm.
Directors: **Atkins (Aye), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (Aye), Loma Jr. (Aye), Norton (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**
4. Move to change the meeting date from the fourth Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month: Tabled

D. Non Action Items

1. President's Report
Move to send a letter from our attorney, Robert S. Gardner Law Office requesting a decision by March 1st regarding vacant space at Adams Elementary school for use by STAR students.
Motion made by: Breazell, Sr. Second by: Chisholm.
Directors: **Atkins (Aye), Breazell Sr. (Aye), Brown (Aye), Chisholm (Aye), Loma Jr. (Recused self), Norton (Aye), Pizzolatto (Aye)**

Atkins will send email to Breazell, Sr. of both copies of letters sent to District 11 for Adams Elementary.
Decide in March regarding grade level distribution.

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2. STAR's financial future

STAR is tracking within the budget. Roger Grey prepared response to the CSSI report. Atkins will send a letter, by certified mail, to John Griego stating that there are factual errors that need to be addressed before the report is published and CC Board of Education, Julie Stevens.

3. Language classes offered by STAR

Terry Gogerty, RVP, spoke with lady recommended by Breazell, Sr. about teaching Chinese Mandarin and is waiting for information about schedule and specific proposal. Gogerty said the schedules at Ft. Collins were adjusted to bring in other languages for grades 3 and up and Rosetta Stone would make multiple languages available. He will send details as soon as received.

4. Board Member Reimbursement

Atkins met with John Griego about report from CSSI about payment to Board Member for reimbursements. Griego said charter school boards members are not allowed reimbursements. Legal representative present said board members cannot be paid, but can be reimbursed for expenses. Norton will bring suggestions to the next meeting for tightening reimbursement policy before renewal. Legal representative will contact Roger Grey for reference in letter to John Griego.

5. Social Events

Agenda next month: End of Year Appreciation Dinner, Christmas Dinner 2010

6. Recording Secretary

Agenda next month: Atkins will speak with Roger Grey about room in budget for a recording secretary and report next month.

E. Information and Reports

1. Treasurer's Report (attached)

2. CAO Report (attached)

Additional information presented on PBS (Positive Behavioral Supports).

3. Mosaica Report (attached)

4. Committee Reports

After we get the CSSI report to its correct form, we will identify areas, target goals and strategies with a focal point for paperwork. Mosaica will be involved. To add details to the contract, we need concrete goals. Goal Team will list priorities to focus on where we want to go and how we reach those targets. We will review monthly and determine areas, priorities and levels to achieve in Culture, Finance, Governance, Professional Development, Academics and Organization. Goal Team should include a board member, staff and one other person, possibly parents from School Accountability Committee.

School Accountability Committee reviews areas to see what needs to be addressed. Steering committee looks at what is working and not working. The SAC includes parents. We need to decide what the priorities are and give Mosaica the standards.

Goal and objective is to define what needs to be done so teams have direction.

Mary Macdonald (PTO President), Norton and Brown will be working on fundraising ideas together.

Brown has requested monthly reports on the status of missing educational materials. CAO reported that staff was sent several emails with requests for inventory of needed items. Shortages reported to administration have been filled.

Brown also requested monthly reports on at-risk students. CAO will provide report of Ds and Fs after each quarter.

Goal: Board Members complete online board training by the end of February.

Legal representative highly recommends sending board members to conference.

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F. Executive Session

Move to enter executive session under state statutes, to discuss matters pertaining to negotiation points for Mosaica per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e). Time: 8:33 pm

Motion made by: Norton Second by: Breazell, Sr.

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

Move to Exit Executive Session: Time 9:26 pm

Motion made by: Loma, Jr. Second by: Chisholm

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

G. Future Agenda Items

H. Calendar Review and Update

I. Adjournment 9:30 pm

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