



“To Live, To Love, To Learn, To Leave a Legacy”

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Jan. 17th, 2025

Board Conference Room#111

6:00 PM

School Mission Statement:

STRIDE Academy nurtures individuals while fostering leadership and empowering students to attain their highest potential in a family-centered environment.

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call 6:00pm

Members: Sara Fromm, Andy Lyman, Tina Barak (virtually), Carrie Essig, Abdi Ismail (virtually).

Members of the Administration: Principal Angie Lichy, MS Principal Nate Schwieters, Executive Director Eric Skanson. **Guest:** Erin Tronbak - Curriculum & Innovation Director

Mission Statement of STRIDE Academy

Conflict of Interest Declaration: No member of the board of directors, employee, officer, or agent of a charter school shall participate in selecting, awarding, or administering a contract if a conflict of interest exists.

II. Approval of Agenda Motion to approve made by: Lyman. Seconded by: Mrs. Essig. Motion carries.

III. Consent Agenda - Approved

A consent agenda is a streamlined approach to handling routine matters in meetings, allowing multiple items to be approved together without extensive discussion or debate, saving time for more important topics. Board members have the option to pull specific items from the consent agenda for separate consideration by indicating their request during the meeting.

- A. Approval of November 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

- B. Approval of November and December 2024 Financials**

- C. Recommend Acceptance of Resignation of Niana Frazee, Paraprofessional**

- D. Recommend Approval of Chris Mack, Building Sub**

- E. Recommend Approval of Abdi Olad, Paraprofessional**

Public Comment - No comments

The School Board welcomes input from community members and staff.

Each person addressing the council shall give their name for the record. Each person making a public comment is limited to three minutes. Comments should be kept courteous and professional and directed to the board. After the speaker makes their statement, they will be seated without further comment, dialogue, or debate.

VI. Reports

A. Executive Director Report

STRIDE Updates- The executive director will give updates about current programming and happenings at STRIDE Academy.

- **MSBA Conference today - with a good reminder for this time of year to “keep going”**
- **We had a meeting last week with PUC Directors**
- **I have been meeting with the Principals-looking ahead to next year.**
- **We will be discussing some more the growing of STRIDE Virtual Academy**

- Reviewing sections, staffing conversations to make sure that we are ready for the year coming up.
- Informal survey about intend to return - 77 out of 105 so far say they are coming back.
- Working with Cory getting into preliminary estimates for things like resurfacing the parking lot, interior painting, converting a current staff bathroom into a nursing station for mothers lactating.
- Over winter break we got some carpeting down in the middle school side.
- Food Service Review - Mara and I are wrapping that up addressing some corrective actions.
- Academic Side - working through Erin and the Principals planning for our future focusing on literacy.
- We are sending a new group to Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta
- We are piloting a beta program through bill.com for Procurement and Purchase orders. We want to update that process so that it's more streamlined and efficient.
- Although still in the early stages, we are working - Ms. Denise Z. - with Stearns County water and soil conservation to get some pollinator border and food.
- SpEd wrapped up some fiscal monitoring. Marlene, Cindy & Mara worked on getting all the items in.
- We are waiting to hear from PUC about contract renewal.
- ELA Organized Binder - Launched this year, pilot with 6th grade. Is about improving student organization and executive functioning around learning.

B. Leadership Reports

1. **Elementary Principal Angie Lichy will report and provide updates on the K-4 programming.**
 - Winter screening is still going on and we are seeing a ton of growth.
 - KG registration night on the 23rd - we are ready with interpreters, t-shirts, prizes, a school bus to tour.
 - Student of the month on the 28th at 9:00am.
 - Careiall is been a big thing making sure all of our teachers are trained in the best practice of reading. I think that's really helped our academics as well.

2. Middle School Principal Nathan Schwieters will report and update on 5-8 Programming.

- Currently students are taking the FastBridge test and so far we are already noticing good growth and 5th & 6th grade
- The Boys Basketball team traveled to St. John's Prep tonight to play. The A Team won unfortunately the B team lost but it was a close game. Everyone got some play time and had a great attitude.
- Feb 6th - High Schools in the area are coming to talk and give orientation to the 8th graders and their parents on what to expect next year.
- I will be attending the MASSP conferences at the end of the month to collaborate with other Principals in the state of Minnesota, especially in our middle school groups.
- Regarding the Soccer goals I have been searching for it on a For Sale website on Minnesota State High School league website.

3. Curriculum and Innovation Director Erin Tronbak will report and provide updates.

- For more information please see attachment with presentation.

C. Standing Committee Reports

1. Academic Excellence Committee

- We discussed FastBridge data noticing a lot of growth in many of the grade levels.
- ReadAct
- Careiall training during PD tomorrow.
- Talked about the differentiation meeting the needs of the students and where they are deficiencies and addressing those.
- Discussed the points of online piloting and getting everything ready for next year.

2. Governance Meeting

- Continuing to move through with some of the MSBA policy recommendations.
- The 500 & 600 series is up for full adoption.
- The 700 & 800 we are still working on some simple updates.
- As the policies finish up, we want to take a look at PTO.

a. January 14, 2025

3. Finance

- We are pretty much on target with our working budget of 571 ADM, sitting at 573.
- We are at 50% through the year already.
- Everything is right on targets.
- Note that in the supplemental data was a deficit on our food service budget because it is always a month behind.

4. Enrollment Update

a. January 15, 2025

V. Unfinished Business

Motion to approve made by: Lyman. Seconded by: Mrs. Barak. Motion carries.

A. Policy Updates: Second Reading

- 1. SABP 503-Student Attendance Policy**

- 2. SABP 506-Student Discipline**

- 3. SABP 507-Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint**

- 4. SABP 513-Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design**

- 5. SABP 515-Privacy of Student Records**

- 6. SABP 516-Student Medication**

- 7. SABP 521-Student Disability Nondiscrimination**

- 8. SABP 532-Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students**

VI. New Business

A. Enrollment Strategy Discussion

- 1. Sections - We would like to have some more robust discussion around what it looks like to possibly move into 4 sections throughout the middle school. We are currently at 3.**
- 2. Class Size - 6th, 7th and 8th grades - 96 each**

B. Policy Updates: First Reading-Redline Copies

Recommend moving listed policies to second reading.

Move to second reading.

- 1. SABP 601-School Curriculum and Instructional Goals**
- 2. SABP 602-Organization of School Calendar and School Day**
- 3. SABP 603-Curriculum Development**
- 4. SABP 609-Religion**
- 5. SABP 614-School Testing Plan and Procedure**
- 6. SABP 615-Testing Accommodations**
- 7. SABP 616-School District System Accountability**

8. SABP 619-Staff Development for Standards

9. SABP 620- Credit for Learning

10. SABP 624-Online Learning

C. Food Service - I am meeting with the Director of New Horizons, Amy Wemple to talk about what are the options that we can have for our students that could be better than maybe where we are at right now. Potentially looking at adding a salad bar option. It does get a little tricky with our reimbursable meal program.

D. Stride Virtual Academy

VII. Announcements

A. February 20th, Board Meeting

B. Our authorizer recommended to do an auto evaluation

C. Board Trainings- Turn in Completion Certificates

VIII. Adjourn - 7:48pm




























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-  [Stride December 2024 Financial Report.pdf](#)
-  [Stride December 2024 Supplemental Information.pdf](#)
-  [Abdi Olad Stride Academy Staff Recommendation.docx.pdf](#)
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