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October 17th, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Board Conference Room#111

6:00 PM STRIDE Academy Library

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 6:00 PM Members present: Sara Fromm, Eric Skanson, Andy Lyman, Kayla Silverberg and Tina Barak, Aaron Lundblad via zoom.**

Members of the Public: Mara Kramer, Principal Angie Lichy.

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 Silverberg. 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 Sept 21 Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Miriam Neal, Paraprofessional
- C. Approval of Gloria Ivette, Paraprofessional
- D. Acceptance of Resignation, Nancy Kalla, Paraprofessional
- E. 2023-24 Annual Charter School Assurances

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.

IV. Reports

F. Executive Director Report

- **We are going into Fall break.**
- **Continue to work on Financing. The City of St.Cloud is giving us until Thursday morning for the sale of the bonds.**
- **I went to a Directors meeting in the Cities and met the new Director of Pillsbury.**

1. PUC/Stride Contract Goal Status

Continued reporting on PUC goal status from Executive Director Eric Skanson. Contract goals are created upon authorization and are on a three-year cycle.

2. STRIDE Annual Goals Reporting

Continued reporting on STRIDE Annual goal status from Executive Director Eric Skanson. STRIDE Annual goals are created annually with the administrative team.

a. Annual Goals-Updates for 23-24

3. STRIDE Updates

The Executive Director will give updates about current programming and happenings at STRIDE Academy.

G. Principals' Reports

Angie Lichy

- **Working on Fastbridge Data**
- **Working at conferences, interpreters and providing dinner for staff.**
- **Observations are from the end of October to Mid December.**
- **Para Training tonight working on de-escalation, watching videos, making sure they are where they should be, talking about elearning just in case due to weather.**

Elementary Principal Angie Lichy will report and update on the K-4 Programming.

Nathan Schwieters

- **Welcome Marilyn Velazquez-the new 7 & 8 Math Teacher and thanks to Mr. Sahane who filled in for us during this time.**
- **MS staff getting ready for conferences. 5th & 6th are scheduled times. 7th & 8th grade are unscheduled times but will have a table in the West Gym for parents to stop and get materials before going to teachers.**
- **NWEA/FastBridge Testing wrapped up this week with students who needed to make up the tests.**
- **Project Based Learning students are working on beautifying the walls in the MS in the halls and in the bathrooms by painting some canvases that will be hung up in those areas. They did the research on cost, time and materials needed and each class did a presentation for me to get my approval. Looking forward to the color they will be adding to the walls in the upcoming weeks.**

- Students in the School Newspaper Elective have done 2 issues so far and they are interesting reads. Things in the newspaper include highlighting students and staff as well as short articles written by students.
- Volleyball wraps up Wednesday with a game against the staff and Knowledge Bowl has started, but are looking for more participants.
- Coffee with Mr. Schwieters will be Oct. 30th from 7:15-8:00. Parents who have questions/concerns or just want to chat are welcome to come in for a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate. This will be held down in my office area. The goal is just to bring parents into the building and to meet parents/guardians. This will be done a couple times throughout the year.

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

H. Standing Committee Reports

1. Academic Excellence Committee - **Did not meet**
2. Governance-Meeting Tuesday, October 24
3. Finance - Meeting Wednesday, October 25
 - a) [Enrollment](#) Update

V. Unfinished Business

I. Charter Policy Updates-

1. Series 100: 101, 101.2, 103, 104 **Motion to approve Series 100 (101,101.2,103,104) by Lyman, Seconded by Silvberg. Motion Carries.**
2. Series 200: 202, 205, 206, 210.1, 211, 214 **Motion to approve Series 200 (202,205,206,210.1,211,214) by Lyman, Seconded by Silvberg. Motion Carries.**
3. 621 LITERACY AND THE READ ACT **Motion to approve 621 by Lyman, Seconded by Silvberg. Motion Carries.**
4. 506 STUDENT DISCIPLINE **Motion to approve 506 by Lyman, Seconded by Silvberg. Motion Carries.**
5. 806 CRISIS MANAGEMENT POLICY **Motion to approve 806 by Lyman, Seconded by Silvberg. Motion Carries.**

VI. New Business

- ##### J. Charter Policy Updates-
1. Series 300:
 2. Series 400:

VII. Announcements

- K. New Board Member Training Opportunities
- L. Board Retreat Date Planning
- M. Next Meeting: November 16th, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

N. Work Session: November 16th, Following Board Meeting @7:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn at 6:38pm