



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

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 23rd, 2024

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, Kayla Silverberg (absent), Aaron Lundblad.

Members of the Administration: Principal Angie Lichy, MS Principal Nate Schwieters (absent), Executive Director Eric Skanson
Member of the Public: Kelly Rimpla from Creative Planning

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 by: Tina Barak, Second by: Andy Lyman 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 April 18, Board Meeting Minutes

- B. Approval of April 2024, Financials
- C. Recommend Approval of Ali Yussuf, Paraprofessional
- D. Recommend Approval of Stacy Kellen, Paraprofessional for 24–25
- E. Accept the Resignation of Jennifer Horner, ML.
- F. Accept Resignation of Yadira Arevalo, 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.

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director Report

1. STRIDE Updates- The executive director *will give updates about current programming and happenings at STRIDE Academy.*
 - a) Position Updates
 - (1) Director of Special Education - **Cindy Pederson, she is a long time SpEd Educator and she will be contracted. Marlene Grindland will continue for a few hours a week at the beginning of the school year to help with transition time.**
 - (2) Director of Academics and Innovation - **Erin Trombak experience with Early Childhood coordinator and Childcare.**
 - b) Building Updates/Strategic Direction Discussion
 - (1) *Soccer Field Discussion - still at a stall.*
 - (2) *Space/Operations - working on trying to be creative with the current space since we are growing and full.*
 - (3) *Renovations/Updates St.Cloud City put a hold on the permits for replacing the shingles on the roof, we are waiting to hear back from them. Polishing the floors, painting the walls, remodeling the entrance of the building.*
 - (4) **PDs this summer: June 10th - Executive functioning how to organize students learning and Larry Thompson on June 11th- Responsibilities Centered Discipline. June 12th - In house - how to understand the code of conduct.**

B. Principals' Reports

1. *Elementary Principal Angie Lichy will report and provide updates on the K-4 programming.*
 - **MASA attended with Mrs. Cote via zoom**
 - **Literacy Plan is due Jun 13, 2024**

- **End of Year Data**
- 2. *Middle School Principal Nathan Schwieters will report and update on 5-8 Programming.*
 - **Valley Fair**
 - **Graduation is on Thursday**
- C. Standing Committee Reports
 - 1. Academic Excellence Committee
 - **Met on May 13th**
 - **Fastbridge results 2% to 9% growth**
 - **Nwea & eSpark will go away. IXL has everything we need.**
 - 2. Governance Meeting
 - a) May 21, 2024 - **Didn't meet**
 - 3. Finance
 - a) **Enrollment** Update - **584 , which is over what we budget for.**
 - b) May, 15, 2024

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Charter Policy Updates-
 - 1. Charter Policy Updates-
 - a) Second Reading Series 900 (902,903,905)

[Motion by: **Andy L**, Second by: **Tina B** Motion Outcome: **carries**

VI. New Business

- A. 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget Approval

[Motion by: **Andy L**, Second by: **Aaron L** Motion Outcome: **carries**

- B. *Calendar Revision*












[Motion by: **Andy L**, Second by: **Tina B** Motion Outcome: **carries**

VII. Announcements

- A. *Election May 21-May 31*
- B. *June Board Meeting on 6/27/24*

VIII. Adjourn **6:48pm**

Public Attachments:

-  [Ali Yussuf Stride Academy Staff Recommendation.docx \(1\).pdf](#)
-  [Stride LT Budget-5.10.24- FY25 budget for board approval.pdf](#)
-  [Stride April 2024 Supplemental Information.pdf](#)
-  [Stride April 2024 Financial Report.pdf](#)
-  [Stacy Kellen.docx.pdf](#)
-  [2024 Election.pdf](#)
-  [905 100822 CHARTER \(1\).docx](#)
-  [903 100322 CHARTER \(1\).docx](#)
-  [902 100422 CHARTER \(1\).docx](#)
-  [Horner, Jen resignation letter last day 6.3.2024.pdf](#)
-  [Adopted Calendar 2024-2025 - 23-24 \(1\).pdf](#)