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July 27th, 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, Tina Barak, Aaron Lundblad.**
Absent: Mr. Hassan Shuriye and Kayla Silverberg
Members of the Public: Mara Kramer via zoom, Principal Angie Lichy, (absent) Principal Nate Scwhieters.

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 Lundblad. Motion carried.**
- III. Swearing in New Directors and Organization of the Board
 - A. Election of Officers for 2022-2023
 1. Chair - **Mr. Lundblad nominated Sara Fromm , seconded by Tina Barak. All approved.**
 2. Vice-Chair - **Fromm nominated Andy Lyman, seconded by Lundblad. All approved.**
 3. Secretary - **We will do this at the next meeting.**
 4. Treasurer - **We will do this at the next meeting.**
 - B. Establish Board Committee Assignments for 2023-2024
 - **Tina Barak is in the Financial committee.**
 - **Aaron Lundblad is in the Governance committee.**

- **Hassan Shuriye is in the Academic Excellence**
- C. Board Members Conflict of Interest Disclosure & Governance Assurances

IV. 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 June 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of the June 2023 Finance Report
- C. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule for 23-24 School Year
- D. Approval of Carrie Essig, Project-Based Art Specialist, 2023-2024
- E. Acceptance of Resignation, Sue Janey, ML Teacher
- F. Approval of Emily Potvin, Grade K Teacher 23-24 School Year
- G. Approval of Updated Crisis Management Plan 2023-2024
- H. Approve Designation of Depositories: Choice Bank, St. Cloud Federal Credit Union
- I. Authorized Signers at Banks: Board Chair - Sara Fromm, Executive Director - Eric Skanson, Treasurer - Tina Barak, Business Manager - Kelly Rimpila, Administrative Assistant - Mara Kramer
- J. Delegation of Authority to make electronic funds transfers
 - 1. Board Chair, Board Treasurer, or Executive Director
 - 2. Kelly Rimpila, or her designee at BerganKDV
- K. Designation of St. Cloud Times as the Official Newspaper of
- L. Approve MDE Designations
 - 1. Designate MDE Identified Official With Authority (IOWA)-Dr. Eric Skanson
 - 2. Title Grant programs Authorized Representative- Angie Lichy
 - 3. Special Education Director-Marlene Grindland
- M. Approve Craig Kepler of Best and Flanagan as Designation of school attorney(ies) and authorization for the Board Chair or Executive Director to access as needed.
- N. Adopt Federal Mileage Rate reimbursement at \$0.65

O. Authorize Administrative Assistant to Perform certain Duties of the Secretary

P. Authorization to use Facsimile Signatures

Q. Authorize Business Manager as Treasurer's Designee.

R. Confirm/appoint members of the board of directors of the Building Company

1. Nathan Schwieters -Board Chair

2. Monica Schraut -Director

3. Neil Theisen-Treasurer

4. Cory Heinen-Director

V. 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

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.

3. STRIDE Updates

a. Sean Elder from Ten Square is Expected to Attend to give an update on the building expansion project.

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

- **We've been working with Professional Development and scheduling and lots of things getting ready for the beginning of the school year. I appreciate the Admin team for all the hard work.**

- **Talk about the visit to Ron Clark Academy - An Incredible great experience built for kids. Hoping it goes along with the growth of Stride Academy and sets ourselves apart from all the other schools.**

B. Principals' Reports

Angie Lichy

- **Finalizing the new rounds of grants system, budgeting, etc.**
- **Continue interviewing and hiring teachers.**
- **Preparing for workshop week.**
- **Wrote a grant proposal for MDE Pilot induction for new teachers.**
- **Working on handbooks with Paras.**
- **Ron Clark Academy**
- **Organizing the new curriculum.**
- **Fastbridge training.**
- **Working on master schedules.**
- **Moving office location.**

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

Nathan Schwieters

- **Working on Emergency procedures handbook.**
- **Working on the Master schedule with a new team.**
- **Working on the student code of conduct taking in consideration lots of new laws.**
- **Working with Lyman - Activities Director finalizing end of year activities.**
- **Hired Carrie Essig as a Project Baseline Teacher**
- **Still looking for a ML and KG - 6th grade Art teacher.**

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

C. Standing Committee Reports

1. Academic Excellence Committee
2. Governance
 - **Met on Tuesday**
 - **Working on the approval of the 700 policy, there are some discrepancies.**
 - **We need the board to review the 900 policy.**
3. Finance - **No Report/ No July Meeting**

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Policy Series 700, Second Reading - **Motion to approve made by Lyman, Seconded by Lundblad. Motion carries.**

1. ACTION: *Recommend Approval of Series 700 policy updates for: 701, 701.1, 702, 709, 714, 721, 722*

This is the second reading of policy series 700. The individual policies are listed. Approval of these policies means they will be updated in our policy manual with edits presented.

VIII. New Business

- A. Board Policy Series 800, 900 First Reading - **Motion to approve made by Lundblad, Seconded by Lyman. Motion carries.**

This is the first reading of policy series 800, 900. Board members should review changes and follow up with any questions to be presented to the Governance Committee. The second reading will follow at the next scheduled board meeting.

II. New Positions:

- A. Building Substitute 0.80 FTE **Motion to approve made by Barak, Seconded by Lundblad. Motion carries.**
- B. Fundraising, Donation, and Grant Writing Coordinator 1.0 FTE **Motion to approve made by Lundblad, Seconded by Barak. Motion carries.**

a. *Approve Job Description*


b. *Approve the Addition of Position*


III. Announcements





















- A. New Board Member Training Opportunities
- B. Special Meeting: **August 8th, 2023 at 6:00pm**
- C. Next Meeting: **August 17, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.**

IV. Adjourn **7:36 pm**

Public Attachments:

 [Stride Preliminary June 2023 Financial Report- 7.24.23.pdf](#)

 [709 071122.docx](#)

-  [Stride June 2023 Supplemental Information.pdf](#)
-  [722 Form 032822.docx](#)
-  [721 062722 \(1\).docx](#)
-  [701 062622.docx](#)
-  [Carie Essig Stride Academy Staff Recommendation.docx.pdf](#)
-  [806 Redline 060823.docx](#)
-  [805 Redline 062822.docx](#)
-  [802 Redline 062822.docx](#)
-  [701-1 062622.docx](#)
-  [801 Redline 062822.docx](#)
-  [714 062722.docx](#)
-  [722 092222.docx](#)
-  [709 Form 032822.docx](#)
-  [700 Series Summary of Changes.docx](#)
-  [702 062622.docx](#)
-  [905 12015.docx](#)
-  [Copy of Nathan Schwieters School Board Update - July 27, 2023.docx](#)
-  [903 Redline 062822.docx](#)
-  [June 15, 2023 Board of Directors Agenda.pdf](#)
-  [Nathan Schwieters School Board Update - July 27, 2023.pdf](#)

Groups audience:

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