



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

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August 27, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM Zoom

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

Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations, the Minnesota directive to residents to stay at home, and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, this meeting of the STRIDE Academy School Board is being conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021— Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

Due to the health pandemic, the school board determined that it is not feasible for at least one board member, the superintendent, or the school district’s legal counsel to be physically present at the regular meeting location and that it is not feasible for the public to attend this meeting at the regular meeting location due to the health pandemic.

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I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call Members present: [Suzy McIntyre](#), [Sara Fromm](#), [Barika Davis](#), [Andy Lyman](#), [Eric Williams](#), [Aaron Lundblad](#), [Hannah Dornbusch](#), [Matt Chapman](#). Members from the public: [Gwen Anderson](#), [Nathan Schwieters](#), [Mara Kramer](#).

A. Mission Statement of STRIDE Academy

II. Approval of Agenda **Motion to approve made by Lyman, Seconded by Lundblad. Motion carries.**

III. Consent Agenda **Approved**

- A. Minutes
- B. Finance Report
- C. Treasurers Report
- D. Approve Termination of Terry Baxter, Custodian
- E. Approve re-assign Sam Leintz to Middle School Language Arts for the 2020-2021 school year.
- F. Approve to hire Katie Strand, elementary teacher.
- G. Approve to increase Ruth Thom, Personalized Learning Coordinator from .3 FTE to .6 FTE
- H. Approve to post for two Digital Learning Navigator positions
- I. Approve to Hire Travis Thelen, Digital Learning Navigator.
- J. Approve to Hire Tanner Bechtold, Digital Learning Navigator.
- K. Approve to contract Special Education Services with Marlene Grindland for 2020-2021
- L. Approve to post for Special Education Teacher
- M. Accept resignation from Ikraan Mohamed, Paraprofessional
- N. Approve Stipend for Sara Voss Math Corps school coordinator
- O. Approve Stipend for LeAnn Skudlarek Reading Corps school coordinator
- P. Approve to reduce Vicki Bloome to .5 FTE from .7 FTE
- Q. Approve to hire Paul Plombom, Special Education Teacher

III. Public Comment **No Comments**

The School Board welcomes input from community members and staff.

Each person addressing the council shall give his/her name for the record. Each person making public comment is limited to three minutes. Comments should be kept courteous and professional and directed to the board as whole. After the speaker has made his or her statement, he or she will be seated with no further comment, dialogue or debate.

V. Reports

- **Executive Director**
 - Enrollment is at 500
 - Lost few kids due to DL, moving out of the area but have gain some new students
 - When the Board approved the Distance learning model on August 6, we were charged with getting busy
 - We are fortunate enough that we are receiving close to \$270k on Covid-19 relief funds, which \$142K have to be spent by December 31st. And it will go to Professional Development empowering our teachers to help other teachers and some other things that are valuable for our new teachers.
 - We also use it to purchase more devices, headphones, school supplies that normally wouldn't purchase, able to increase Ruth Thom time our Personalize Learning Coordinator, able to hire 2 digital learning navigators, able upgrade our hvac system, able to provide phone stipends for our admin staff so they can work from home, building equipment to touchless among others.
 - Phone call with Pillsbury -struggling how to amend contracts because of the fall testing this Fall due to the DL
 - Apply to Intervention Award MN Association for Charter schools - Dyslexia program, and we are finalists.

- **Principal's Report**
 - We have quite a month, with 26 Professional Development.
 - The Special Education Dept. had met to discuss schedules making sure every need was met.
 - We had all Paraprofessional's schedules to support every single teacher.
 - Making sure we are sending computer devices and books to the families.
 - New teachers have been meeting with their mentors.
 - We asked parents to buy the supplies as every year but we are trying to help as well, specially with Art supplies as it will be very difficult for teaching the class without the supplies.

- **Standing Committee Report**

- **Academic Excellence**

- Didn't meet
- Davis mentioned they will be looking at their goals as a board and develop a plan. Lyman added that once school starts they will be reassessing what worked last year and make it stronger for this year.

- **Governance - no meeting. Next meeting Tuesday 9/22/20 3:30pm**

- **Finance and Budget**












- Next meeting 9/17/20
- Bondholder call on 9/17/20
- Talked about the coronavirus relief funds
- More information on the Finance report

VI. Business

- A. Approve 2017-2018 outstanding principal repayment plan proposed by the school's Bondholders. Motion to approve with the change of Letter A to read 2018-2019 made by McIntyre, Second by Davis. Motion carried.

VII. Adjourn 7:07pm

Public Attachments:

-  **(Executed) Conditional Waiver Agreement - 2019.pdf**
-  **August 2020 ABC and Finance - Report.docx**
-  **Family and Student Handbook 2020-2021 7-31-20.doc**
-  **July 30, 2020 Board Meeting.pdf**
-  **Marlene Grinland 20-21 Contract Signed.pdf**
-  **signed Blomme, Victoria .5 revised offer 2020-2021.docx**
-  **Special Board of Directors Meeting -8-6-2020.pdf**
-  **Staff Handbook 2020-2021 (1).doc**
-  **STRIDE Activities Handbook 2020-2021 (1).doc**
-  **Stride FY21 July Financial Report.pdf**
-  **Stride Supplemental Info-July 2020.pdf**