



**GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting of the SAMS Academy Governing Council on Friday, May 19, 2023

via Zoom.us & In person at 6441 Ventana Road NW

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Larry Kennedy, Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, and Alex Carothers

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Deveraux, Laura Kohr, and Jody Meyer

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Bridget Barrett, Amanda Catanzaro, Lauren Chavez, Sean Fry, Sue Griffith, Richard Romero and Kelly Callahan

**PUBLIC**

These minutes were approved on \_\_\_\_\_

By a vote of \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ absent \_\_\_ abstained

\_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

**I. Call to Order**

Larry Kennedy called to order the Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics, and Science Academy May 19, 2023 at 2:04 p.m. on Zoom.us and in person.

**A. Roll Call**

Larry Kennedy asked Amanda Catanzaro to call roll. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy.

**B. Adoption of the Agenda\***

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the agenda. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the agenda. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Review/Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2023 Regular Meeting\***

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2023 Regular Meeting. Farrah Nickerson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2023 Regular Meeting. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Review/Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2023 Special Meeting\***

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2023 Special Meeting. Brandy Bond made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2023 Special Meeting. Farrah Nickerson seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote to approve the minutes. Amanda Catanzaro called Farrah Nickerson, Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. Public Comment**

Larry Kennedy asked Bridget Barrett and Amanda Catanzaro if there was any public comment. There were no public comments.

**III. Ongoing Business Matters**

**A. Aviation Program Update**

Dr. Lauren Chavez presented that students have flown approximately 41 hours since the last meeting. Next student "Trixie" has her check-ride scheduled for

June 17. There are currently 12 students on the flight team, meaning they have passed the knowledge exam and are flying or waiting on their turn to fly. Jacob (former SAMS student), graduate from Spartan, is going to start as volunteer CFI to give back to the school.

The aircraft is running with one issue with the traffic pattern. The iPad is being used as a backup right now. This is not a requirement for the plane but is a nice safety feature, so using the iPad in the meantime will continue until the problem can be fixed. Students are familiar with using the iPad and practicing and flying using it.

Two more students received their drone license. The real estate company we have worked with is reaching out to Dr. Chavez and asking if we have any other students who would like to work for them.

Young Eagle is continuing with Hotel Kilo being used as a static display. Robert, recent graduate will be teaching a class in June at the Double Eagle Academy. ATC internships are up and running.

A&P internships have has 3 or 4 more students complete in the past month. Doc is also working with Eclipse to get an internship program up and running with them.

Hot Air Balloon internship is in the works. Working with a Quad A leader who gave SAMS access to the ground school curriculum to be used. Students will be able to pass their FAA knowledge exam as the first piece towards a balloon license.

Scholarship opportunities for students for a balloon camp this summer.

CAP is up and running and meeting on Thursday evenings.

Del Sol Aviation update.

Doc shared the Pass Rates for knowledge exams. SAMS Academy currently has a 100% pass rate on their first try!

## **B. Facility Update**

Amanda Catanzaro presented current status of front doors. EB has got the doors working, we just have to wait to get on ANM schedule to get the cards up and running and the front desk to be able to open from their computers.

Gates are still an issue and are always left open because there is no way to access for visitors and such. We met with them over two weeks ago and gate people have no returned since that meeting.

## **C. SAMS Wellness Committee Update**

Alex Carothers presented that the committee has been discussing via email about the end of year survey. That will go out to families today in an end of year newsletter. Continue to look at various logos. Alex shared that he would like to have a few options and then put it out for a vote. Discussion regarding charter renewal timeline on when we will start using the new name. It has already been

approved by the PEC, we just need to work on the backend pieces to get everything changed over. The plan is to fully move to new name after July 1. Mission statement approval is on the PEC agenda for next month's meeting.

#### **D. Planning and Preparation for Charter Renewal**

Bridget Barrett and Amanda Catanzaro shared the 2023 Charter Renewal Google Classroom. Everyone has been invited to be able to view the classroom that includes a timeline, assignment charts, and folders where everything is being collected. If you are having trouble accessing the site, let Amanda know and we will get that fixed so you can access and view materials.

### **IV. Administrative Update**

#### **B. Lobbyists Legislative Report**

Sue Griffith and Richard Romero thanked the school for allowing them to represent SAMS Academy. They just finished the 60 day session and there are 17 new legislators which means a lot of training of the new legislators. This is also the first year that everyone was back in person. SAMS Academy requested \$200,000 in capital funds and they were able to secure that. \$90,000 from Senator Pope, \$60,000 from Representative Joy Garrett and \$50,000 from brand new legislator, Charlotte Little. Ms. Griffith wants to get these representatives out to the new building for a tour.

Some updates on bills such as Senate Joint Resolution 1, Senator Mimie Stewart's bill that would have been anti-charter, Senate Bill 4, CTE classes and vocational bill, Senate Bill 450, House Bill's 127, 130 and 134.

Farrah Nickerson leaves meeting at 3:01 pm.

Cynthia Borrego is a new representative who lives just outside our jurisdiction, has a fund raiser on June 9. Mr. Romero will share the invite for anyone who would like to attend.

Senator Pope is running for re-election and is a great advocate for charter schools.

Concern regarding speed of reimbursements was brought up. Ms. Griffith shared that legislators are also concerned about this. Senator Padilla is a good voice for this as he is aware of the situation within PED.

Ms. Griffith did note that we need to make sure that we spend all of our money that we are getting through legislators. They receive a status notice of who has spent what and don't like to give funds to schools or organizations who ultimately don't do anything with the funds.

#### **A. Student Achievement Update**

Bridget Barrett presented that as of Tuesday, 70% of courses had been completed and other Edgenuity data.

Graduation was last week and was a great success. Today was the last day of classes for students. Archery team update including that one of our students was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Nation and qualified for another competition in June. Ms. Barrett shared information regarding summer school.

For enrollment, as of today, 61 students are on the waiting list for next year and shared the percentage ratings for students who have said they are returning to SAMS Academy next year.

The Equity Council met and are in the early planning stages.

Shared the Mission Minute. This is why we do what we do!

**V. New Business Matters**

**A. Statement of Governing Body to Consult with PED\***

With a new board member, we need to approve, sign and submit this form to PEC.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve. Mike Romo made a motion to approve. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. FY 2024 Budget\***

Sean Fry presented salary schedules for educational assistants and teachers. A staff salary analysis was shared with the increase for 6% and increase in days from 185 to 192 contract days. Educational assistants were increased to a minimum of \$20/hour.

Amanda Catanzaro and Bridget Barrett shared the 2023-2024 Proposed School Calendar.

Overall budget with a comparison of FY2023 and FY2024 school years.

**C. School Year 2023-2024 School Calendar\***

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar.

Brandy Bond made a motion to approve. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. School Year 2023-2024 Salary Schedule\***

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Salary Schedules.

Brandy Bond made a motion to approve. Mike Romo seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Brandy Bond, Roland

Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. FY 2024 Budget\***

Sean Fry continued to present FY 2024 Budget.

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve. Mike Romo made a motion to approve. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Governing Council Development**

**A. Discussion with Kelly Callahan**

**B. Strategic Planning Discussion**

Jody Meyer has completed her initial training and required training hours for the year. The rest of the GC members have completed the required training hours for a total of 10.5 hours this school year. Kelly will send a report to the CSD and provide training certificates to each of the members with copies to the administration.

**VII. Finance Report**

**A. Business Office Operations Update**

Sean Fry presented that the operational funds are decreasing as anticipated but we are still in a good position. We are currently still waiting on over \$300,000 in state reimbursements.

**B. Voucher Approvals\***

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve April Vouchers. Mike Romo made a motion to approve. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Bank Reconciliation\***

Larry Kennedy asked for a motion to approve April Bank Reconciliations. Mike Romo made a motion to approve. Roland Dewing seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. BAR 2223-24289-0032-I\***

Sean Fry presented BAR 2223-24289-0032-I which is the final allocation for Title IV in the amount of \$11,566 which is used for .12 of the social worker salary and corresponding benefits.

**VIII. Announcements**

The next meeting of the governing council will be a regular meeting scheduled for June 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

**IX. Adjournment\***

Larry Kennedy called for a motion to adjourn. Mike Romo made a motion to adjourn. Brandy Bond seconded the motion. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Larry Kennedy called for a roll call vote. Amanda Catanzaro called Brandy Bond, Roland Dewing, Mike Romo, Alex Carothers and Larry Kennedy; all voted yes. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Governing Council for the Southwest Aeronautics, Mathematics and Science Academy adjourned on May 19, 2023 at 4:02 p.m.