

## Board Meeting Minutes April 7, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m. via Zoom

**Present:** Julie Ambrose (Executive Director), Vicki Newhard (Administrator), Dan Bosket (President), Maria Tjeltveit (Secretary), Joshua Dodd (Treasurer), Don Hinkle, Rashid Santiago, D'nese Sokolowski, Kay Kurtz, Peter Kareha, Don Wieand, Mike Bruckner, Ralph Todd, Jane Marks, Tonya Harris, Jennifer Ortiz, and John Stanford (Superintendent). John Stevens, Dennis Blankowitsch, Dick Button, guests.

**Absent:** Angela Nolan, Rob Schmidt, Erika M. Sutherland, Ellen Kern.

### **Call to Order and Welcome**

D. Bosket

Dan called the meeting to order at 8:02.

### **Approval of February 3, 2022 Minutes (A)**

M. Tjeltveit

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup> D'nese      2<sup>nd</sup> Mike      Conclusion: Approved.

### **ASD Update**

J. Stanford

Spring: state testing starting: ELA in April, Math in May; Keystone tests in high schools.

Summer: Summer Scholar Experience (formerly summer school). Focus on students that need additional help and assistance. Enrichment and partnerships to add additional experiences, not just academics.

90 Day Tour is over:

- reviewed documents establishing relationships and protocols with Board.
- Started setting agendas and priorities.
- Engaged members of ASD family and community, to build relationships and understand community.
- Review of systems.
- Accomplished goal of listening and learning; building trust and relationships with ASD family and community.

Now reviewing info from meetings and beginning to distill info into a report. Preview at Board Meeting tonight.

Partnership Summit, with Mayor and head of Chamber of Commerce, at Americus Hotel on April 26, at 3:30 p.m. Say what learned and spell out academic urgency. Priorities he's identified and lay foundation for those organizations to understand what our expectations are for partners to work with ASD and the process. Will also give ASD an opportunity to get feedback from organizations so we can work together. Connect school day with what kids do after school in the community.

### **MS Transformation Representative Updates**

ASDF Board representative gave updates from the middle schools. Harrison Morton highlights include 220 students making honor roll, students performing *Shrek* for the Spring musical, and the Dieruff football team coming for signing day for Harrison Morton and South Mountain Middle School students.

Raub highlights include students winning 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for the NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest. Most board reps have not been made aware of any Transformation Team meetings this school year. There is a middle school transformation newsletter, which highlights accomplishments.

### **Treasurer's Report**

J. Dodd

#### **1/31/22 Financials (B)**

The Finance Committee met on February 24. Josh talked with Ibi Balog to review Treasurer responsibilities.

Dashboard— Fundraising close to 100 %, 61% EITC. Annual Appeal ahead of budget.

Expenses tracking at 48%

Deposit for Reading is Rewarding endowed program and Zimmerman scholarship.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> Don 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Conclusion **Approved**

#### **Car Auction (C)**

Joe Petro former quarterback at Allen has donated a classic car for us to sell. RB Collection doing selling for gratis; as an in-kind contribution.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **Planning & Programming (G)**

R. Todd

Life-skill support teacher Kathleen Dent requested funding for Canary Nation Games Program. Like Special Olympics; Special Ed students partnered with other students. May 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30-1:00 p.m.

Total cost was \$5000. They were able to get the rest and asking us for \$600 to cover costs.

**Motion to give \$600 for the Canary Nation Games Program:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Conclusion **Withdrawn**, as Board member, Don Hinkle said he and his wife will cover the cost.

#### **Investment/Scholarship (D)**

J. Dodd for R. Schmidt

March 14 Investment Committee met. Applied a 3-year Market valuation: 4.4% recommended to distribute.

**Motion to accept distribution percentage:** 1<sup>st</sup> Maria 2<sup>nd</sup> D'nese Conclusion **Approved.**

#### **Scholarship (E)**

D. Button

Explained that Expendable Fund Scholarships: go directly to scholarships (rather than set up as an endowment). Set up by the donor as to how much to give. Wotring Scholarship provides 4-year scholarships.

#### **High Notes Gala**

D. Sokolowski

Thanked everyone who made it a great success. Budgeted \$80,000 revenue and \$32,000 expenses. Final numbers are not available but it looks like our gross income was over \$100,000 Expenses: \$25,000. Silent Action raised about \$3500. 150 attendees. Hope to have more attendees in the future.

Applaud efforts of the committee. Rewarding to see the students perform. Challenge to Board to expand the attendance of administrators, teachers, community members, etc. Thanks to D'nese, Julie,

Vicki, and others (including Board members on Gala Committee: Tonya, Dan, Jane and volunteers: Maria and Kay). D'nese was urged to continue as chair. It was suggested that unsold Silent Auction items might be listed in the ASDF newsletter, inviting people to buy them.

### Governance (F)

R. Santiago

Highlighted 3 areas:

Board Leadership Roles Thanked members for nominations. Received nominations for each position. Will be following up with nominees.

New Board Members: 3 vacancies. Will ask for nominations within 2 weeks. Will send out *Commitment to Serve* form with nomination form.

Emeritus Board Members: Received several nominations for this inaugural year. Discussed whether to limit number of members who can before Emeritus. The by-laws are silent on the number per year. The general feeling was to include those who meet the stated criteria. We could revisit limiting the number of Emeritus members if it becomes an issue in the future. Will follow up to see who is interested.

Rashid was thanked for his work.

### Executive Director's Report

J. Ambrose

### Mission Moment

Thanked everyone for great Gala. Showed pictures from the Gala and a brief part of the video.

22 sponsors, \$75,795. 13 Broadway Sponsors. 49 silent auction items.

Talked about Sunday event. Art show. Video very well done. Now on Gala page of the website.

One of the few disappointments of Gala night was that people couldn't hear the audio in the main room.

LV Corporate Challenge. Alvin H. Butz did signage and had volunteers. Angela and Julie will go to the Steel Stacks to highlight. Very dedicated group of sponsors and exposure to corporations will be beneficial.

### Coming Events

Mayfair: Fri- Sun May 27- 29. Looking for Volunteers to sell notecards, etc.

Board Retreat 8-12 on June 2. If have any things important to address at retreat please send to Julie before beginning of May. Likely at Muhlenberg.

TIG Fellows Reception: Mon, June 6, 4 p.m. at Building 21. Teachers will present what they did and how students benefitted. To bring teachers, donors, sponsors, board, principals, etc. together. Impactful piece of our mission. Welcome all of us to come. Encouraged Dr. Stanford to invite principals and their staff to come and support this, esp. if they have a TIG recipient.

Scholarships for Students. Couldn't do ceremonies during pandemic. Drove around and gave awards in caravans. Not sure yet if it will be an in-person event or continue caravans, which were popular.

**Administrator's Report**

V. Newhard

**Visual Art & Music Residencies**

Visual Arts residencies for 5 elementary schools Dodd, LPW, Ritter, Sheriden, and Washington. Artist working with particular classes. 7-8 sessions with the class. Rotation due to limitations in funding.

Strings program through Symphony at Raub.

Both funded through EITC

**Literacy Volunteer Program**

Monthly trainings. Have 60 volunteers going into schools. Goal of having a 100 per school year. Were close before pandemic. Think we can get close to that by next year.

Summer Programming: Summer Camp opportunities. 7 summer programs. They are giving scholarships for camp opportunities for 30-40 kids in exchange for ads in the Gala program. From a previous effort, Wells Fargo is giving scholarships for 12 middle school students to go to Camp LCTI and providing bus transportation.

## IX. Any other items?

School Board rep, Jennifer Ortiz was asked if she wanted to say anything or had questions. No questions.

Dan reminded us that we are "Doing it all for the students!"

**Meeting Adjournment**

D. Bosket

**Motion to adjourn:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Conclusion: **Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.**

**A to G are attachments.**

**Upcoming Committee Meetings:**

Planning & Programming – 4/20 @ 4 p.m. (In-Person & Zoom)

Executive – 5/5 @ 8 a.m (Zoom)

**Next Board Meeting:**

Annual Retreat @ Muhlenberg College – Hoffman House, on N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. – 6/2 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.