

AFSA K-12
Work Session Agenda
K-8 Cafeteria
May 23, 2023
4:00 - 5:00 pm
Work Session Minutes

Board Members Present: Katie Crowley, David Smith, Jodi Stumpner, Jessica Goodwin, Kate Plaisance, Brady Jones, Julie Cox, Gerard Cramer

Board Members Absent: Melissa DeGidio

Others Present: Becky Meyer, Erik Bruner-Wiltse, Carrie Reid, Liz Burkwald

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS:

1. Call to Order: Board Chair Kate Plaisance called the work session to order at 4:15 pm.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. AIPAC report: Julie Cox and Jessica Goodwin had the board review their response to the AIPAC meeting notes from Lasha. The discussion concluded that the board needs more clarification on their education/space request and that a smudging plan needs to be created by the parent group and presented to the board in order to be implemented next school year 2023-24. Julie Cox and Jessica Goodwin will continue to be a liaison between AIPAC and the board.
2. Board evaluation forms: Julie Cox had all but one evaluation turned in. The board will review the evaluations at the June board meeting. The results will be added to the July agenda for onboarding the new board members.
3. Review Template for Strategic Plan tasks:
 - o Academic Progaming Committee:(Jodi Stumpner, David Smith, Jessica Goodman and Liz Burkwald) Dave reported that the committee will be meeting June 12th or 19th
 - o Financial Stability Committee:(Kate Plaisance, Gerard Cramer, Becky Meyer and Brady Jones) Becky Meyer reported that the committee is working on revising AFSA's disciplinary approach and reporting structure for student retention and working on recruitment efforts.
 - o Administration & Governance Committee:(Julie Cox, Katie Crowley, Melissa DeGidio, and Erik Bruner-Wiltse) Julie Cox reported that they are working on organizational structure and administration job descriptions/roles and duties. They are also working on Board engagement and participation.
 - o Culture & Community Committee: Working on creating the committee members
4. Other items that may come before the board: No additional items were submitted.

B. ADJOURN The work session was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Regular board meeting to begin at 5:00 pm in K8 Cafeteria

AFSA K-12
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
K-8 Cafeteria
May 23, 2023
5:00 - 6:30 pm
Board Meeting Minutes

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Board Members Absent: Melissa DeGidio

Others Present: Becky Meyer, Erik Bruner-Wiltse, Carrie Reid, Liz Burkwald

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Call to Order Board Chair Kate Plaisance called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

- a. **Mission:** The Academy for Sciences and Agriculture (AFSA), a public charter school for grades K-12, engages learners in academically rigorous, student-centered, hands-on experiences and leadership opportunities within a science, environmental education, and agricultural context.
- b. **Vision:** AFSA will develop lifelong learners who are curious, care for others and have high skill levels in applied sciences, and will be prepared for a future in a diverse, global and changing society
- c. **Honoring Native Peoples:** We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Dakota People, and pay our respect to elders both past and present.

2. Determination of Quorum (5 members minimum): A quorum was determined.

3. Determination of Conflict of Interest: No conflict of interest was determined to be present.

4. Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the May 23rd, 2023 agenda as presented was made by Gerard Cramer. Julie Cox seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the April 25th, 2023 Board minutes as presented by David Smith. Brady Jones seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Approval of Financial Report: Erik Bruner-Wiltse presented the Financial Report. A motion was made to approve the Financial Report, payment of invoices and acceptance of gifts as presented by David Smith. Julie Cox seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. GUEST COMMENTS: Teresa Kothbauer parent guest just thanked the board for their work.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. School Activities Reports

Liz Burkwald presented for AFSA K-8

Academics:

- Star testing completed, data to be compiled for goals.
- OW Goal: Read Well testing goals of 84.2 % were met for 3rd graders reading at grade level.

Community:

- K-8 Awards Night will be June 1st (4-7pm)! All students will be recognized for their efforts this year. Kindergarten and 8th grade celebrations and an Ice Cream social hour will be held.

- Field Day - June 9th will be fun and games in PALs groups to wrap up the year.
- June 20th an open house will be held at the Elementary Building, and will begin Registration Week.

Mission:

- Field Trips: Arboretum, Works Museum, Landmark Center for Mulan Dance, Rarig Center, Vikings Play 60 event, and various Parks this past month.
- FCSD - 7th and 8th graders joining HS for Community Service Day!
- K-8 J-terms: 12 various terms running from June 5th - 9th.
- Satisfaction Surveys: 2nd graders completed surveys on field trips, learning growth, and health and safety at school.

Enrollment:

- K-6 current enrollment for fall 2023 is 157, with potential enrollment of 166.

Erik Bruner-Wiltse presented for AFSA High School.

Academics:

- MCA Testing is completed. Star Testing finishes up in May.
- Field trips - Greenhouse students took a field trip to Bailey's Greenhouse to tour industrial greenhouses and were able to take home a new hydrangea species. Nutrition and Farm to Fork students learned about food development processes at General Mills' James Ford Bell Research Center.
- Graduation is approaching! June 2nd at Bethel University at 6:30 pm.

School Culture and Community:

- AFSA was awarded the outstanding Middle/High School program award by the MN Association of Agriculture Educators, and an application has been submitted for the national association.
- FFA Awards Banquet was a big success on 05/06/2023. Students won awards in academic content as well as 40 students lettered in athletics, academics or clubs. AFSA's 19 state agriscience fair and 5 national science fair finalists were recognized.
- AFSA annual Plant Sale/Fundraiser was a huge success with \$10,000 in sales(net \$7,000).
- Friday 05/26/2023 - Baseball vs Softball game to end the season. Staff, students, and friends of AFSA are invited to attend the fun at Vadnais Community Park.

Mission:

- Presentation Night, New Student Welcome Night and FFA Degree and Greenhand award ceremony held 05/25/2023.
- FCSD - 7-12 grade students will visit 14 different community sites for this year's Community Service Day. The students will complete thousands of hours of community service and support toward OW goal 1.2.

Enrollment:

- Current total HS enrollment is 165. 7th grade - 12th grade Fall 2023 potential enrollment of 287 students.

2. Administrative Reports- no reports.

3. Committee Reports - no reports.

D. Closed Session

The School Board will go into a closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b). Minnesota's Open Meeting Law allows the School Board to close a meeting pursuant to the attorney-client privilege. The School Board will meet in a closed session with the Academy's legal counsel for the purpose of discussing potential settlement of claims raised by a former student.

A motion was made for The School Board to go into a closed session to meet with the Academy's legal counsel at 5:40 pm as presented by Brady Jones. Julie Cox seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

The School Board returned from a closed session at 6:00 pm.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Proposed Elementary calendar changes: Liz Burkwald presented an updated student calendar for the K-6 Building. The calendar changes reflected student work days that would be moved to staff work days. The number of student learning days for K-6 students is different than 7-12 grade student requirements. This calendar will be an action item on the June 27th board meeting.
2. Becky Meyer shared the new Health Insurance Incentive Program for AFSA Staff for fall 2023. AFSA is awarded \$5,000 to use towards a Health Rewards points program for staff tracking health and fitness.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. A motion was made to approve the Official Proposed Settlement Agreement between AFSA and a former student as presented by Katie Crowley. Brady Jones seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.
2. A motion was made to approve the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools (MACS) membership and dues as presented by Gerard Cramer. Julie Cox seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.
3. A motion was made to approve the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) membership and activity dues as presented by Katie Crowley. Gerard Cramer seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.
 - Julie Cox was designated as the board member for voting on behalf of AFSA High School and Jessica Goodman was designated as the board member for the Advisory Committee.
4. A motion was made to approve the lease aid budget as presented by Gerard Cramer. Katie Crowley seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting:
 - a. Regular meeting June 27, 2023 at 5:00 pm

H. ADJOURNMENT

Katie Crowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. Gerard Cramer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.