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## MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

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Mr. Champaign called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- I. **Attendance:** Mr. Dugal, Mr. Champaign, Ms. Grosskreutz, Mr. Shober, Ms. Behm, Ms. Zeimet, Ms. VanRyzin, Mr. Layher, Mr. Benitez.
  - A. Board Guests: Mr. Winch (ex-officio), Ms. Davis. (ex-officio); Ms. Foley, Ms. Schroeder
- II. **Public Comment:** None
- III. **Approvals:**
  - A. Agenda: (Van Ryzin/Layher): All in Favor
  - B. Minutes: (Grosskreutz/Layher): All in Favor
- IV. **Administrative Update (Mr. Winch):**
  - A. Celebrations:
    1. 8th grade Expo worked very well; there was a “soft skills” presentation and a wide variety of careers options in the area. Students and parents shared very positive results. **Mr. Champaign:** Should a HS counselor come along? **Mr. Winch:** At present, there is a handoff from our counselor to a student’s counselor. **Mr. Champaign:** I’d like to have our students know some of the H.S. options. **Mr. Winch:** AASD has done a lot to make the H.S. course catalog more comprehensive. **Ms. Schroeder:** AASD will hold an “explore” night to walk through for incoming freshmen. **Mr. Layher:** I think this does what we need to do.
    2. KAT was successful; up to 47% so far. Right on track for where we are in the year.
  - B. Ms. Freese has interviewed and taken STEM position.

- C. Testing season! iReady testing; State Forward results will appear in June to August from DPI. Some iReady data will be ready for next meeting.
- V. Accept new Board member vote, Mr. Diego Benitez (**Mr. Champaign**): (Ms. VanRyzin/Ms. Behm) All in Favor
- VI. Finance (**Ms. Zeimet**): \$4,297.28 in BMO
- VII. Public Relations (**Ms. Behm**):
  - A. Pegasus Plaque or something more permanent to commemorate the people who donated to the project. **Mr. Champaign**: A matted frame? **Ms. Grosskreutz**: Maybe something engraved. **Mr. Dugal**: A matted frame might stand out more. **Ms. Behm**: I will find some quotes.
  - B. Color Run: 292 people are currently signed up to run. T-Shirts are ordered; color will be arriving today. \$2,100 T-Shirts; \$400 should be paid for by people who bought shirts.
  - C. Gala: Venue looks good. We would like to think about themes for future galas — curriculum, professional development. **Mr. Dugal**: I think some other topics might be a harder sell because these are more abstract to families (versus a building project). Also be careful with fund-raising burnout. **Ms. Zeimet**: I think the Gala was a good platform to talk with parents. **Mr. Champaign**: This is a different kind of event, and would allow us to have fall, winter, and spring events. \$1,300 upfront to book the room. We figured that \$50/ticket would cover the costs. **Mr. Layher**: Are we pricing people out of this event? Also, I'm not exactly sure what the Gala is for. **Ms. Grosskreutz**: I think that to raise money, some things will have to have different levels. Surveys say parents want more events. **Ms. Zeimet**: I think this is a platform to talk about the school. **Mr. Benitez**: Some communication is missing I think. I think this is a community event and should be billed as such. **Ms. VanRyzin/Ms. Grosskreutz: Motion: that Ms. Behm be allowed to spend no more than \$1,300 to book a room as a community event. All in Favor.**
- VIII. New Business:
  - A. Writing Revolution (**Mr. Winch**): We are "going slow to go smart." We will try to pilot some of this next year to see how it works. I don't foresee bringing in a consultant this August.
  - B. Governance Handbook: (**Ms. VanRyzin**). This is needed for the district. The curriculum and philosophy are from the contract. **Motion: (Mr. Layher/Ms. Grosskreutz): Approve the handbook with the amendment that board members are expected to serve at least three years.**
  - C. Reading Mastery proposal (level 5). **Mr. Winch**: We would like to continue to split grade 5 between grade level (Reading Mastery 5) and beyond grade level (novels). At present, we finish Reading Mastery in Grade 4. **Ms. Champaign**: I think this helps serve students better. Will be brought up at strategic planning. **Ms. Grosskreutz**: Why this proposal? **Ms. Foley**: Some students and iReady scores have indicated to me some need for these students — with both literature

and informational text. Also, we are moving to a 6-8 model, so 5th grade is a good bookend. 6-8 would be novel-based; K-5 would be Reading Mastery.

- D. Core Virtues Proposal: **Mr. Winch** presented the proposal referencing the evolution of how it was built, how it exudes the Classical model. Each grade will have a writing prompt on each virtue and then a short discussion. 2-4 lessons per virtue per month. It will evolve over the year like the 6-8. **Mr. Champaign** said how great of a job he did building that. **Ms. Grosskreutz** echoed the same comments and **Mr. Layher** mentioned he loves the evolution from Second Step.
  - E. Math PLC: Saxon Math is being discontinued by the publisher. Ms. VanRyzin, Ms. Behm, Ms. Grosskreutz, and Mr. Champaign will consider keeping the existing books or looking for replacements.
  - F. Board needs to hold a listening session.
  - G. Strategic Plan meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. May 23.
- IX. **Motion to Adjourn:** (Grosskreutz/Abbi) 8:30 p.m.