



ALMA D'ARTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Governance Council Minutes

Regular Meeting, Monday, July 19th, 2021 @ 6:00 pm

Alma d'arte Charter High School, Via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Paul Dulin | Kimberly Skaggs | Ron Fitzherbert | Ceara Angel | Vernon Wilson | Richelle Ponder | Cynthia Wise | James Fielder

I. Introduction

- A. Call to Order. (G) – Chairman Dulin called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
- B. Roll Call of Members (G) – Members present are as follows: P. Dulin, V. Wilson, K. Skaggs, R. Fitzherbert, C. Wise, J. Fielder & R. Ponder. C. Angel is absent.
- C. Conflict of Interest Disclosures as may be applicable. (G) - none
- D. Approval of Agenda. (G) – C. Wise made a motion to approve the agenda. K. Skaggs seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the agenda was approved.
- E. Approval of June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and July 6, 2021 Special Meeting minutes. (G) – K. Skaggs made a motion to approve the June 21, 2021 minutes. R. Fitzherbert seconded the motion. All voting members voted in favor and the June 21st regular meeting. C. Wise & J. Fielder abstained, as they were not yet members of the GC. R. Ponder made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from July 6, 2021. R. Fitzherbert seconded the motion. All voting members voted in favor and the motion passed. C. Wise & J. Fielder abstained as they were not yet official members of the GC.
- F. Announcements. - none

II. Public Comment (Three minutes per speaker, 30-minutes for all speakers. No action will be taken.)

ALL ITEMS BELOW ARE LISTED FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

III. New Business

- A. GC Member Required Training Update, including Charter Renewal Training. (A/G) – P. Dulin & K. Martinez reminded the GC members of their training requirements. Current GC members are required to have 8 hours of training per year, while new GC members (C. Wise and J. Fielder) should have 7 required hours and 3 hours of which they can choose from a range of topics (total of 10 hours).
- B. Presentation and welcome of new Governance Council members Cynthia Wise (Seat #1) and Marvin "James" Fielder (Seat #8). (G). – Mr. Dulin welcomed newest GC board members Cynthia Wise (seat #1) and James Fielder (seat #8). Both individuals spoke briefly about their background and interest in working with Alma d'arte.
- C. Approval to have the GC meetings in person at the Alma d'arte Charter High School facilities. (A/G) – Mr. Dulin proposed to the group that a discussion be made on returning to in person meetings. V. Wilson made a motion to open the discussion. R. Ponder seconded the motion. C. Wise suggested that we continue to provide zoom communication of future meetings to families or members of the community. Members voted as follows to return to in-person meetings: R. Fitzherbert – no, C. Wise – no, V. Wilson – no, R. Ponder – yes, J. Fielder – yes, P. Dulin – yes. K. Skaggs stepped out briefly and a tie was created. The decision to return was tabled until further discussion.

IV. Old/Recurring Business

- A. Continued discussion of requirements for vaccinations of all students attending Alma d'arte Charter High School for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. (A/G) – P. Dulin re-opened the discussion to require vaccinations for all students. R. Fitzherbert added that it may be approved at a later date, but it is currently not a required vaccine schedule for school. V. Wilson made a motion to table this

item at this time. C. Wise seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: V. Wilson – yes, C. Wise – yes, R. Fitzherbert – yes, R. Ponder – yes, J. Fielder – yes, P. Dulin – yes.

- B. Policy Approvals: Second reading of selected policies for operating Alma d'arte Charter High School. (G) – V. Wilson & K. Skaggs comprise the policy committees. Mr. Wilson reported his observations to the group in advance about current policies in second reading. He observed that some have inconsistencies. K. Martinez reminded the group that there are still quite a few policies to be approved. She suggested that a work session be had to approve a larger amount of policies. A zoom meeting was scheduled on August 8, 2021 at 2pm. This will be used as a GC workday specifically for policies.
- C. Monthly Financial Report – A. Lerner of K-12 accounting presented the June financial reports packet to GC members.
 - 1. Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021. (F)
 - 2. BAR's Approval (if required). (G)
 - 3. Payroll and Accounts Payable Acceptance and Approval. (G) – R. Fitzherbert made a motion to accept the June 2021 payroll & accounts payable statements. C. Wise seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: V. Wilson – yes, C. Wise – yes, J. Fielder – yes, R. Fitzherbert – yes, R. Ponder – yes, P. Dulin – yes. The majority voted in favor and the June 2021 Payroll & Accounts payable statements were approved.
- D. Monthly Administrative Report
 - 1. Monthly Principal's Update Report. (A) K. Martinez gave the monthly Administrative report. She stated that today was an in-service day for faculty and staff. We are ready to start classes on Thursday July, 22nd. She mentioned that she has hired several new faculty & staff members to include: L. Terrazas – science instructor, A. Marquez – social work, M. Diaz – School Psychologist, G. Lucero – SPED Facilitator/Educator, C. Romero – SPED Coordinator/Diagnostician, R. Dorn – Educator art. Everyone is excited to be a part of Alma d'arte. Ms. Martinez also mentioned that we are planning to have a space in the downtown Farmer's and Crafts Market on weekends to use for recruiting efforts and also to use a space for students to fundraise and also use as a vehicle to sell their art creations. She reported that has been quite a new buzz about Alma in the community with open casting calls, theater camps and various other things being held at our school. It has given us some great press and has allowed us to gain a few new students and exposure to the community.
 - 2. Equity Council Update. (A/G) – The equity council will meet soon once we are back to school.
 - 3. New Collective Bargaining Agreement with Faculty – The GC will require a new collective bargaining agreement with the Faculty. Ms. Martinez will speak with Ray Padilla, staff NEA representative about how to proceed.

V. Future Business/Next Meeting Agenda Items for Discussion or Revision

- A. Policy Update
- B. Approval of Board Secretary C. Angel's resignation
- C. Collective bargaining agreement approval

VI. Adjournment – R. Ponder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. V. Wilson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

****** (A) - Administration, (G) – Governance Council, (F) - Finance ****** One or the other of these three notations will appear at the end of each item, depending on who is introducing the item.