



ALMA D'ARTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Governance Council Minutes

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Alma d'arte Charter High School, Via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS Paul Dulin | Kimberly Skaggs | Ron Fitzherbert | Vernon Wilson |
Richelle Peugh-Swofford | Cynthia Wise

I. Introduction

- A. Call to Order. (G) Chairman Dulin called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
- B. Roll Call of Members (G) Members present are P. Dulin, R. Fitzherbert, K. Skaggs, V. Wilson, C. Wise & R. Peugh-Swofford. Also present are K. Martinez, C. Gilman & R. Padilla.
- C. Conflict of Interest Disclosures as may be applicable. (G) None.
- D. Approval of Agenda. (G) R. Peugh-Swofford 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 February 21, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. (G) K. Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/21/22. R. Peugh-Swofford seconded the motion to approve. All member voted in favor and the minutes from 2/21/22 were approved.
- F. Announcements. P. Dulin mentioned that his knee replacement surgery would take place the following day on February 22, 2022.

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. Discussion and assignments regarding the negotiation of the Alma d'arte Charter Renewal with the PEC/PED, including completion of the worksheet. (A/G) - K. Martinez indicated that they were still waiting for clarification as to the textual changes and updating requested by Patricia Matthews, our lawyer. P. Dulin indicated that he would try to attend.
- B. Discussion on attending the Charter Schools Conference in June. (A/G) - Ms. Martinez indicated that anyone on the GC can attend. It remains to be seen if it will be virtual or in-person.
- C. 3% Salary Stipend. (A/G) K. Martinez asked that we approve a 3% stipend for all staff – made a motion to approve the 3% stipend. Seconded the motion to approve. Members voted as follows: K. Skaggs – yes, R. Peugh-Swofford – yes, V. Wilson – yes, R. Fitzherbert, C. Wise – yes, P. Dulin – yes. The vote was unanimous, and the 3% stipend was approved.

IV. Old/Recurring Business

- A. Monthly Financial Report
 - 1. Financial Statements as of February 28, 2022. (F) – C. Gilman provided an overview of the financial statement for the month closing on February 28.
 - 2. BARs Approval (if required). (G) – R. Fitzherbert made a motion to approve BARs 22-T, 23-D, & 24-I. C. Wise seconded the motion to approve. Members voted as follows: K. Skaggs – yes, R. Peugh-Swofford – yes, V. Wilson – yes, R. Fitzherbert, C. Wise – yes, P. Dulin – yes. The BARs were approved unanimously.

3. Payroll and Accounts Payable Acceptance and Approval. (G) – R. Fitzherbert made a motion to approve the payroll and accounts payable for February 2022. C. Wise seconded the motion. Members voted as follows: K. Skaggs – yes, R. Peugh-Swafford – yes, V. Wilson – yes, R. Fitzherbert, C. Wise – yes, P. Dulin – yes. The vote was unanimous and the payroll and accounts payable were approved.
- B. Monthly Administrative Report
1. Monthly Principal’s Update Report. (A) – K. Martinez presented her monthly Principal’s report to the GC.
 - a. Happenings at the school, including dedication of the auditorium. - Spring Showcase is May 4th, 2022, at 6pm in the Alma Theater. There will be performances, refreshments, and a juried student art show. The All-City Art Exhibition took place on April 1, 2022, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art & Science. Alma students presented their work and Student Matt Galey self-portrait piece was selected as this year’s postcard/flyer image. Matt was also the “best in show” winner of the Art Exhibition. The Alma d’arte Junior/Senior Prom will be April 30th. Alma will also play host to the All-District Pride Prom sponsored by FYI+, La Vida Project & The House of Kahlo, on May 7th, 2022. The dedication of the Alma Theater to Irene Oliver-Lewis is still on the calendar for a to be determined date. Principal Martinez is still in contact with Ms. Oliver-Lewis and will continue to work out details for that event. SAT & ACT testing is happening at the school during the month of April.
 - b. Current enrollment by grade and next year new enrollments. – Currently we are at 126 students. We had a good open house turn out, although smaller. Had some more interested in joining us next fall.
 - c. Attendance. – n/a.
 - d. Academics, including reading and math as required by the PED. – Ms. Martinez went over Beginning of year and Middle of Year scores for short cycle with board. Seeing steady growth overall in Reading and Math.
 - e. Steps to involve the business community, the press, etc. – As we draw closer to our Spring Showcase, we will continue use of social media pages and website posting. We will also alert media for dates of upcoming events.
 - f. Parental involvement. – n/a.
 2. Equity Council Update by Ray Padilla. (A/G) - R. Padilla provided an update regarding working with two other charter schools to develop a plan of action going forward. P. Dulin mentioned that it is important to follow through with requirements included in the Yazzie-Martinez Decision and not wait for PED to provide input, which has been delayed various months. PED wants to contract the Kellogg Foundation to lead the effort.
- C. Executive Session with Principal Martinez – At approximately 7:15pm the GC entered an executive session with Principal Martinez to discuss a school issue.
- D. Returning to in-person Governance Council meetings at Alma d’arte. (A/G) At approximately 7:25 the GC returned to regular session meeting.

E. GC Member Required Training Update. (A/G) - Members have until the middle of June to finish their required training.

V. Future Business/Next Meeting Agenda Items for Discussion or Revision - None mentioned

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

**** (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.*