

American Renaissance School
Meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD)

Open meeting minutes

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Dated Wednesday, March 7, 2018

ARS Mission:

To ensure a standard of academic excellence by providing a nurturing environment that allows each child to reach his/her fullest potential as students and citizens.

The Meeting was **Called to Order** at 6:00 pm by Sharon Bell

Board Members Present: Sharon Bell, Frank DiGangi, Harriette Bailey, Marc Davis, Kameron Brown, Tai McMiller, Ben Stikeleather,

Board Members Absent: Jonathan Bell, Michele Knapp

Administrative Staff Present: Jim Duffey, Jessica Duncan, John Mairs, Andrea Leluika, Danielle Cusick

Administrative Staff Absent: n/a

Others in Attendance: n/a

1. Call to Order – Sharon Bell, Board Chairman

- Moment of silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Review of open meeting laws and Freedom of Information Act

2. Public Comment – N/A

3. Adoption of Agenda

Frank DiGangi moved to adopt the amended agenda. Motion was seconded by Kameron Brown. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Kameron Brown moved to approve the minutes for the 2/7/18 meeting with necessary revisions. Motion was seconded by Ben Stikeleather. Motion passed.

Ben Stikeleather moved to approve the minutes for the 2/13/18 called meeting. Motion was seconded by Tai McMiller. Motion passed.

5. Recognitions

Rob Orrill – Staff/Student Basketball Game – raised \$1000 for the athletic department

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Odyssey of the Mind Teams – the elementary and middle teams will complete in the next round at Wingate University on 3/24/18.

- Primary (K-2)
- Elementary
- Elementary (3-5)
- Middle (6-8)

Outstanding Parent Volunteers

- Brad Morrison – provided L-screen for baseball practice and is building a portable pitching mound
- James Rufty – Athletics Volunteer – drove teams to basketball away games

6. RAP

- Working on Golf/Gala Event
 - Sponsorships are going well. Raised \$7700 thus far, with a goal of \$10000
 - Doing well with donations for the auctions (silent & called)
 - Need to increase participation
 - 4.5 golf teams
 - 35 individuals for dinner
 - Country Club HOA will distribute flyers about the event
 - Are there other avenues to get the word out?
 - Will try to advertise on public radio
 - Share information with Downtown Statesville Development Commission

7. School Improvement Plan (SIP) Team

Rob Orrill

- Team is in the process of collecting data to measure the status of SIP goals.
- The team is revisiting some current school processes (i.e., number of tests per academic year).
- Teacher working conditions survey is currently being administered
- Clarification of employee handbook is being discussed

8. Finance Report

- Financial Report
 - No State monies have been received
 - ISS funding has been received

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- Noted deficit for January and YTD. Expected to level out as funds are drawn down
- 2018-19 Budget Calendar and Priorities – submitted and reviewed
- 2018-19 Acadia Norths Star Proposal
 - Proposal submitted for consideration
 - Will explore feasibility of in-house financial services
 - Seeking bids from other companies
 - Reviewing current account structures, with no formal recommendations for changes at this time

Tai McMiller moved to approve the financial report. Motion was seconded by Ben Stikeleather. Motion passed.

9. Charter Renewal

We anticipate the charter being renewed. Final decisions to come.

10. School Reports

- Jessica Duncan – NED Show, Kinder Screening (4/11-4/12)
 - Licensure renewals (15 teachers this year); ARS will cover the cost of renewal
- Andrea Leluika – NC Check-In results
 - New ELA and Math Standards were adopted by DPI in 2017 and will be rolled out next academic year
 - Possibly changing the content between grades based on these new standards
 - Will hold meetings to discuss implementation (3/16 & 3/23)
- John Mairs
 - Dress Code Policy update
 - Enrollment/Lottery
 - Enrollment Policy

Changes to Dress Code Policy

GIRLS: the uniform is khaki **or navy**, shorts, skirts, capris, or skorts and approved ARS shirts. Skirts, skorts and shorts have to be within 2” of your knee.

BOYS: the uniform is khaki **or navy** pants or shorts and approved ARS shirts. Shorts have to be within 2” of your knee.

FREE DRESS DAYS: On days students are permitted to dress out of uniform, it is expected that all clothing is school appropriate. This means clothing should not have any rips or tears; shorts, skorts, and skirts must fall within 2” of the knee; and strapless tops, spaghetti straps, and tank tops are not permitted. If in doubt: jeans without holes,

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t-shirts free of obscene designs, and hoodies free of obscene designs are always acceptable for free dress days.

Frank Digangi moved to approve the updated Dress Code Policy. Motion was seconded by Ben Stikeleather. Motion passed.

Kameron Brown moved to approve the application/enrollment process. Motion was seconded by Ben Stikeleather. Motion passed.

New Business

Committee Reports

Finance

- To be discussed in closed session

Governance

- Presented Tracy Sain as a candidate for BOD beginning 7/2018.
- Presented slate for 2018-19 officers
 - Chair, Michele Knapp
 - Vice Chair, Kameron Brown
 - Treasurer, Frank Digangi
 - Secretary, Tai McMiller

*Board voted to approve Tracy Sain for BOD membership
Board approved the slate of officers as presented*

Personnel

- No report

Development/Fundraising

- No report

Property and Facilities

- To be discussed in closes session

11. Board Chair Remarks

N/A

12. Closed Session (if needed)

Tai McMiller moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues, discipline issues and attorney privilege. Motion was seconded by Frank Digangi

13. Next Meeting and Adjourn –

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The next meeting of the board of directors will be on April 11/ 2018 in the K-5 Building board room.

*Harriette Bailey made a motion to adjourn.
The motion was seconded by Frank Digangi.
The motion carried.*

A motion to approve these board minutes is made, seconded and passed.

Approved on: April 11, 2018

Signature of Officer: Harriette N. Bailey