

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

Open meeting minutes
Wednesday, February 7, 2018
6PM

Dated Wednesday, February 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 6:10 PM by Sharon Bell

Board Members Present: Sharon Bell, Frank DiGangi, Kameron Brown, Tai McMiller, Ben Stikeleather, Marc Davis, Michele Knapp, Jonathan Bell

Board Members Absent: Harriette Bailey

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

Administrative Staff Absent: Jessica Duncan

Others in Attendance: n/a

1.Call to Order – Sharon Bell, Board Chairman

*Motion by Frank and 2nd by Kameron.

2.Public Comment – N/A

3.Adoption of Agenda

Sharon moved to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Frank DiGangi. Motion passed.

4.Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January meeting were not reviewed and approved via motion by Frank; Michelle- 2nd. The minutes were approved.

5.Recognitions

Jim recognized Teachers at ARS that were among the top 25% of the state in the area of Math. The Admin Team also recognized those parties involved with the Backpack program (\$25 donated gift card), calendar committee, state recognition for student achievement, and those who won in the first annual invention convention.

6.RAP

- Letters to all students were sent home for the Spring Gala/Golf Tournament (3/23/18)
- Teachers can volunteer
- More sponsorship needed/ along with assistance from the board

Finance Report

Financial report submitted by Frank DiGangi

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Jonathan Bell made a motion to approve; seconded by Kam Brown. Motion passed.

New Hire Recommendations

New staff was recognized for the middle school- already joined the school and working well with students/ staff.

Committee Reports

Governance

The initial steps were taken to add new members to the board/ there is one interest.

Personnel

- No report

Development/Fundraising

- Hero Grant discussion continued.
- Staff vs. Students basketball game 2/22 at 6PM

Property and Facilities

- Reports on updates to the building and energy efficient ways to save money

School Reports

Jim Duffey:

Make-Up Days

Jim informed the board of 3 missed days due to weather that were missed. 2/19/18 will be the only day that we need to make-up.

Parent Meeting

Public officials will meet with parents of ARS students to discuss public safety plan/ measures already in place at the school. There will be an organized parents-driven Safety Committee to include community officials.

Toshiba Contract

We have an extended contract with Toshiba. This contract was not due, but the current contract will align with printing and other pertinent machines at both campuses.

Motion was approved by Frank to extend contract; 2nd by Jonathan Bell.

School Calendar 2018-2019

Our school academic calendar will align with ISS. We have added a Fall Break beginning Fall 2018.

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Andrea Leluika:

Dove's House

Students participated in a program (4-5th graders and now middle school) on cyber-bullying; internet safety.

National Culture Week:

4/9-4/13: Accompanies bullying; students will change the culture to become more aware of diversity and inclusion.

John Mairs:

Lottery

John provided the board with a lottery update. The lottery will take place prior to the March Board meeting on 3/7/18 at 5:30PM and open to all parents/ staff that submitted an application. Advertisement will be in all local newspapers/ radio stations.

ERATE:

Mini bids recommendations (\$80,000 upgrades)

Danielle Cusick:

Check-Ins:

2nd check-ins are completed

Title IV Funds:

Update on the distribution of funds was provided

iCATCH:

Some funding for this program is still available.

Kay Johnson:

Audit

Audit was completed and renewal would be in 5 years.

New Staff:

Interviews were completed with 3 new staff members; class observations

Special Need Planning Workshop:

A workshop would be held to educate parents of the logistics where EC students turn 18 years of age.

7.Board Chair Remarks

N/A

8.Closed Session (if needed)

Jonathan Bell motioned to go into Closed Session

Seconded by Kameron Brown. Motion Passed.

9.Next Meeting and Adjourn –

The next meeting of the board of directors will be on March 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the K-5 Building board room.

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Ben made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Frank. Motion passed.

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

Approved on: March 7, 2018

Signature of Officer: Tai McMiller