

Syracuse Arts Academy Work Session Minutes February 1, 2007



Place: Syracuse Arts Academy, 2893 W. 1700 S., Syracuse

Approved: March 29, 2007

In Attendance: Chris Dallin, Andrea Larkin, Charlene Nelson, David Hall,
Other In Attendance: Jan Whimpey (Principal), Jed Stevenson (Academica West), Emily Coon (Academica West), Staci Huffaker (parent)

The purpose of Syracuse Arts Academy is to develop respectful, confident citizens in a solid educational environment enriched by artistic expression.

MINUTES

5:10 PM – Called to Order

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Principal Report
 - Jan reported things at the school are going well. Students are being tracked on a monthly basis on reading and math skills to watch for patterns. Chris would like a monthly summary from the principal sent to each board member.
 - The Art auction will be a parent / student project.
- Dave is the new board member, filling the responsibility of the Financial Coordinator. He has met with Academica West to get his initial snapshot of the financials.
- Parent Organization – Janae
 - Overall, the survey of the school looks excellent. The response average on the majority of the questions shows high satisfaction from the parents. 20% of the families enrolled in the school responded to the survey. The board is satisfied with the percentage of families responding initially, but would like to have more parents respond next survey.
- Board – Chris
 - The board will review the printout of the survey and make suggestions for the school in the upcoming weeks.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Staci Huffaker is a parent requesting the board approve a fundraising / donation committee. Staci is requesting suggestions from the board to raise \$15,000 for the school's sound system. Her recommendation is to have a reception for the school, request businesses to sponsor tables, parents will purchase a dinner, students will display their artwork, a PowerPoint presentation will be put together to display at the event, student artwork will be sold during a silent auction. Chris has also given the board's support for this fundraising activity.

Adjourn: 5:30 PM

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