

Syracuse Arts Academy Board Meeting Minutes October 4, 2007



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

In Attendance: Andrea Larkin, Michelle Gibby, Chris Dallin, Charlene Nelson, Dave Hall

Excused: Charlene Nelson and Shirley Bouwhuis

Others in Attendance: Jan Whimpey (Principal), Catina Martinez-Hadley (AW)

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

MINUTES

6:10 PM – CALL TO ORDER – Chris Dallin called the meeting to order. Chris presented to the board a video of news coverage about the balloon launching event at Syracuse Arts Academy and then excused himself from the rest of the meeting. The board meeting continued with David Hall as Chair.

6:15– CONSENT ITEMS

- August 2, 2007 Work session minutes
- August 2, 2007 Board meeting minutes

Andrea Larkin made a motion to approve the August 2, 2007 Board Meeting and Work Session minutes. Motion seconded by Michelle Gibby. Motion Passed Unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Dave Hall presented the Financial Summary to the Board. Michelle Gibby made a motion to accept the Financial Summary. Motion seconded by Andrea Larkin. Motion passed unanimously.
- Lottery Enrollment Policy – Andrea Larkin made a motion to accept the Financial Summary. Motion seconded by Michelle Gibby. Motion passed unanimously.
- Records Management Policy – Michelle Gibby made a motion to accept the Financial Summary. Motion seconded by Andrea Larkin. Motion passed unanimously.
- Tuition Reimbursement Policy – tabled until the next meeting. The Board discussed changing the proposed policy to a set dollar amount as opposed to a total credit amount. Andrea Larkin made a motion to table the Tuition Reimbursement Policy until Jan provides more information.

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Motion seconded by Michelle Gibby. Motion passed unanimously. Jan Whimpey, Dave Hall and Catina Martinez-Hadley will work together to come up with a new draft.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Michelle Gibby asked if she needed board approval for hay rides. The Board advised Michelle that Board approval was not necessary and that a Release Form would suffice.
- Jan – Reported on parent teacher conferences. Jan sent out a parent satisfaction survey to determine if services are being met.
- Michelle Parent Organization (PO) report – Patriotism week posters have been posted in the school halls. Michelle attended a staff meeting to gauge support for writing letters to soldiers. Students will be supporting three soldiers who are affiliated with SAA staff. The PO is also arranging to have a vet in each classroom on Veteran's Day in addition to having a flag retirement ceremony. Choir is going well with lots of participation. The school needs a sound system. Sixteen-thousand dollars is needed to purchase a nice sound system. The PO has raised 9k and needs 7k more.

Math night is coming up in collaboration with Cook Elementary. Andrea asked about PO moral. Michelle reported that it is very good...everyone works well together.

Michelle said that the PO would like a better way of gathering parent input...like a suggestion box. Andrea will get a box. Michelle will advertise the new box in Friday notes. Dave suggested that the PO prioritize needs and wants for better a perspective of which goals are obtainable and suggested that the PO publish the results of those those priorities for parents.

- Andrea – Would like to start discussion on doing an annual AW review. The Board agreed that it is time and will start the discussion process.

ADJOURN: 7:20 PM Andrea Larkin made a motion to adjourn Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Michelle Gibby. Motion passed unanimously.