

Syracuse Arts Academy Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 7, 2016

Place: SAA North Campus, 357 S 1550 W, Syracuse, UT 84075

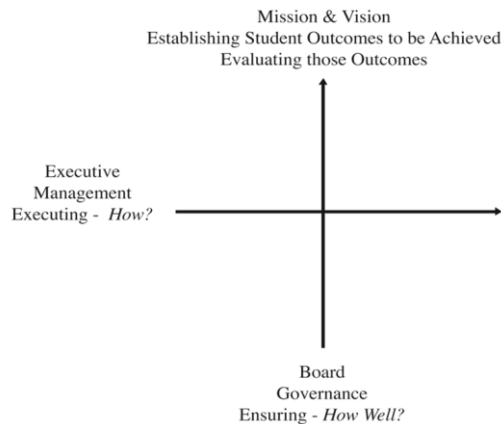


In Attendance: Jerrad Pullum, Nate Schow, Teresa Peacock, Mary Johnston (5:52 p.m.)

Excused: Dale Pfister

Others in Attendance: Dawn Kawaguchi, Kim Dohrer, Judy Nixon, Lex Puffer, Krista Hotelling, Jan Whimpey, Julie Nielson, Ryan Arrington

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



Minutes

2015-2016 Board Priorities School Wide Continuity “Sameness” Arts Integration Professional Development Safety Plan

5:31 PM – Call to Order

- Welcome by Teresa Peacock
- “Traditions” – The SAA Way
 - School Vision – Nate Schow
 - Storytelling – Judy stated that the North Campus play was a sellout every night. This is the cream of the crop for the end of the year. Deanna Gardner does a fantastic job. They had over 100 students in the play. Jan called Miranda to ask her how she felt about the play. They had over 60 kids that auditioned and with 5 adults and 60 kids they began their journey. They had 650 parents attend and the entire elementary had a chance to see the play. What warmed Miranda’s heart

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was having kids that had never been on a stage before, who never ever had a speaking part, kids that overcame difficulties projecting, speaking and having confidence in themselves. There were new traditions made and it was a great experience. Miranda wanted the board to know that it is so important for students to have theatre experiences.

There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

➤ Student Report

- Antelope Campus Jr. High – Taryn Schow
 - ✓ Service project at Antelope Island coming soon
 - ✓ Soccer season has started. The first game was last night but they lost in the last 5 seconds
 - ✓ New cheer & mascot team (19 members)
 - ✓ SGO elections started today. They are trying something new this year. Poster night will be more the same and united.
 - ✓ “Elf” the Musical performance at the end of the month
 - ✓ New School Year with the 6th graders
 - ✓ Show Choir auditions which is going to be new to SAA next year
 - ✓ Band and Choir festival at American Prep Academy and they received two pluses which is really good rating
- Antelope Campus Elementary – Beau Olsen
 - ✓ A lot of activities happened in March
 - ✓ Jazz Player came to the school and the 6th graders went on field trip to the Clark Planetarium on that day
 - ✓ The Aristocats play was really fun
 - ✓ Honor Patrol helps the smaller kids before school starts and assists the kindergarteners get to the class and find their car pool
- North Campus –Kemuel Cullimore
 - ✓ Mad Scientist Program every Monday has two classes going
 - ✓ Robotics Day on Wednesdays. The students are having a lot of fun learning about robots and programming. The students will also participate in “Physics Day” at Lagoon in May.
 - ✓ March 22 & 24 – The Aristocats play
 - ✓ March 21st – the Aristocats cast performed for the entire school
 - ✓ March 23rd – The 5th grade Wax Museum
 - ✓ March 24th – The 5th grade went on a field trip to the Leonardo museum and Salt Lake Library. They took the Front runner.
 - ✓ April 4th – The 6th grade went on a field trip to the Clark Planetarium and rode the Front runner to Salt Lake
 - ✓ The past two days the people from the planetarium video chatted with the students talking more about space, planets, etc.

➤ POEC Report – Jaimi Liddell

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- The Aristocats musical really boosts the students' confidents. Both musical directors will be returning next year so they will probably do the same thing by purchasing one copyright and doing the play at both campuses.
- Finalized the Elementary year book for both campuses this week. One year book for both campuses.
- Coming Up
 - ✓ Mother/Son event this month on April 15th. It will be a dinner with free bingo afterwards. The Father/Daughter event was very successful.
 - ✓ Teacher Appreciation week coming up in May. There will be a fun thing for teachers each day of the week.
- Robotics are in full swing – May 13th the students will go to Lagoon and compete with other schools in Northern Utah
- Coming Soon:
 - ✓ Field Day – There will be two separate field days – one at each campus.
 - ✓ 10-Year Carnival is going to be awesome
 - ★ 30 games
 - ★ Fire truck
 - ★ DARE car
 - ★ Food trucks
 - ★ Live band – Guitar 3 and Jazz band students
 - ★ Art Garden
 - ★ Instruments for students to play
 - ★ Silent Auction
- Financial Support with Box Tops
 - ✓ Antelope Campus will be receiving ukuleles for the for 3rd grade music curriculum
 - ✓ North Campus will be receiving some PE equipment and other items that are needed. The POEC is working with Judy.
 - ✓ Jr. high will be receiving cameras for yearbook class
- There was discussion on the lego robotics being on display
- **Lead Administrator** – Lex Puffer
 - State of the School
 - ✓ March 25th – Combined faculty professional development day (including accreditation follow up report due this month, grade level networking, brunch served by the SAA kitchen)
 - ✓ 10 year celebration is coming up
 - ✓ Both schools are involved in registration and scheduling
 - ✓ 7th Grade Orientations
 - ✓ Bulk of the registration will be this fall
 - ✓ SAGE testing starts in a couple of weeks at both campuses
 - ✓ Started working on next year's budget with Ryan and Jerrad
- **Board of Directors**
 - Review 2015-2016 Budget as of February 29, 2016 – Jerrad Pullum stated that this budget reflects the amendment. There are no significant items to report on.

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- Update on Financing and Purchasing of Buildings – Jerrad Pullum informed the board that he has started the finance process on purchasing the North Campus building and Antelope Campus expansion. Consolidating these loans by purchasing will save the school money. The school will have to put out an RFP for the financial advisor. Jerrad will work with AW to get this ready. There was a discussion on who can approve the selection of the financial advisor.
- **Academica West**
 - Update UCAP Login – Dawn Kawaguchi just wanted to get an update on who hasn't set up their UCAP account. There was a brief discussion on why there are two entities for the school (North & Antelope). Teresa wants to get everyone set up after the meeting.

Nate Schow made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Jerrad Pullum seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Ratify New Hires
 - Autumn Lucas – Kitchen
- Approve March 3, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve March 3, 2016 Closed Meeting Affidavit
- Approve March 14, 2016 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes
 - Ratify 2016-2017 School Calendar

BUSINESS ITEMS - (To Be Discussed and/or Voted Upon)

- Discuss & Vote on Amended Background Check Policy – Lex Puffer reviewed the amended Background Check Policy. The state now uses a “rap back” system that once a background check is in the system you don't have to renew your background check every some many years. It also will notify the school of any criminal activity. **Mary Johnston made a motion to approve the amended Background Check Policy. Nate Schow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items for Discussion Only)

- Calendaring Items – ALL
 - May Pre-Board Meeting – May 5th
 - Reschedule Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 11th
 - UAPCS – June 13-14 @ Davis Conference Center
 - National Charter School Convention – June 26-29 in Nashville

6:01 PM – Jerrad Pullum made a motion to move into a CLOSED SESSION to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(1)(a). Mary Johnston seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

**Jerrad Pullum – Aye
 Nate Schow – Aye
 Teresa Peacock – Aye
 Mary Johnston – Aye**

Motion passed unanimously.

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6:35 PM – Jerrad Pullum made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION and ADJOURN. Nate Schow seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

Jerrad Pullum – Aye

Nate Schow – Aye

Teresa Peacock – Aye

Mary Johnston – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

April Action Items

1. Approve the financial advisor at the next meeting – Jerrad