

Syracuse Arts Academy Board Meeting Agenda Thursday, August 6, 2015

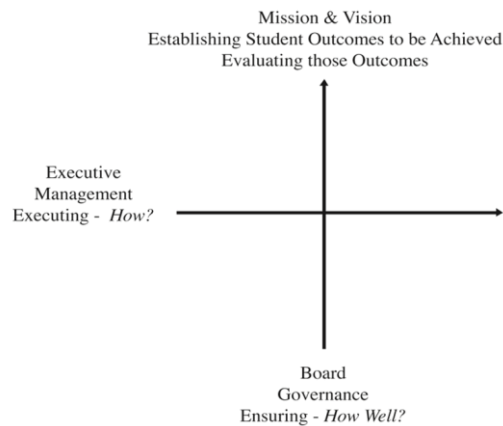
Place: SAA Antelope Campus (Jr. High Library), 2965 W 1700 S, Syracuse, UT 84075

In Attendance: Dale Pfister, Jerrad Pullum, Mary Johnston, Nate Schow, Teresa Peacock

Others in Attendance: Lex Puffer, Dawn Kawaguchi, Kim Dohrer, Judy Nixon, Shirley Atkinson, Sheldon Killpack



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 Goals

School Wide Continuity “Sameness”
Arts Integration Professional Development
Safety Plan

5:39 PM – Call to Order

- Welcome by Teresa Peacock
- “Traditions” – The SAA Way
 - School Vision – Dale Pfister
 - *Storytelling* – Judy Nixon shared a story about their Rookie Night (aka Newcomer Night). This year their theme is “baseball”. Both nights had standing room only in the cafeteria. There was a lot of excitement. Everyone is very excited for the new school. Returning parents will have an opportunity to tour the school before school starts since Back to School Night is not held until after the first day of school. Judy also shared that she has about seven parents that are former high school students of hers.

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There was no PUBLIC COMMENT.

REPORTS

➤ **Lead Administrator**

- *State of the School*

- ✓ Lex Puffer gave a brief hiring update. The new curriculum has arrived. We had a new teacher orientation today. All of the teachers start on Monday and there will be many teacher training meetings going on at both campuses. There will also be combined trainings as well. Opening assembly with all the teachers will be in the auditorium on Thursday, August 13th. Teresa will be addressing the teachers and the board is welcome. Lex stated that the administration is very happy with the construction, expansion and renovations for both campuses.
- ✓ **Antelope Campus** – Sheldon gave an update on the renovation and expansion construction. The sod will arrive Monday to touch up the landscaping. Sweeper should be coming on Tuesday afternoon to clean the parking lot. Striping the parking lot should be done on Wednesday. Cleaners should be coming over the weekend. The field will start in about a week and a half. Jan has requested some construction tape until it has been seeded to keep the students off of it. Sheldon gave an update on the wallpaper. There was a brief discussion on the new sidewalk configuration.
- ✓ **North Campus** – Sheldon gave an update on the satellite school. He is working with the city to get an update on the traffic lights from UDOT. Entrance from SR193 will be blocked off until the traffic lights have been installed. You will have to enter from 700 South to get to the school. Teresa stated that temporary lights will be put up until the permanent lights are installed on 700 South and 1550 West. Sheldon reviewed some of the punch list items that will need to be done. Hydro seed has been done but kids will not be able to play on it until it's rooted. Sheldon updated the board on the amphitheatre. Fencing will be going up around the perimeter of the amphitheatre to keep the students safe. There are still a few punch list items that will need to be done.

➤ **Board of Directors**

- *Review Action Items* – Teresa reviewed the updated action items.

Jerrad Pullum made a motion to approve the CONSENT ITEMS. Mary Johnston seconded the motion. Nate Schow abstained from the vote. Motion passed with a majority vote.

➤ **Ratify New Hires**

- Sheri Pahrman – School Secretary
- Jeannie Mineer – School Secretary
- Betsy VanFleet – Part time Math Teacher
- Donna Barrett – Math Teacher
- Haylee Hoch-Velasquez – PE Teacher

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- Mindy Parry – Math Teacher
 - Robin Kuni – Art Teacher
 - Sara Olds – Utah History
 - Stacy Reynolds – Part time Math Teacher
 - Breeze Smuin – Elementary Teacher
 - Jennifer Page – Elementary Teacher
 - Keri McEvoy – Elementary Music Specialist
 - Kristen Hauck – Elementary Teacher
 - Kristy Tubbs – Elementary Art Specialist
 - Stephanie Thompson – Elementary Teacher
 - April Empey – Lunch Manager
- Approve June 12-13, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
 - Approve June 12, 2015 Closed Meeting Affidavit
 - Approve June 29, 2015 Electronic Board Meeting Minutes
 - Ratify the following summer purchases:
 - ETS purchase in the amount of \$304,057.92
 - McGraw Hill Education purchase in the amount of \$129,285.57
 - Implbits purchase in the amount of \$1,300
 - Wilson Language Training purchase in the amount of \$4,793.04
 - Houghton Mifflin Harcourt purchase in the amount of \$2,201.82
 - Enome Inc (Goalbook) purchase in the amount of \$3,400
 - School Specialty purchase in the amount of \$178,111.97

Lex gave a brief update of the summer purchases that have been received, that have not arrived and have not yet been ordered.

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

- Discuss and Vote on Academica West invoice in the amount of \$7,516.24 – Lex Puffer reviewed the AW invoice for the board retreat.
- Discuss and Vote on Syracuse City purchase not to exceed \$7,000 for half the cost of crosswalk lights for North Campus – Teresa Peacock stated that the city has asked the board to share the cost of the 20 mph crosswalk lights for the North Campus. Final paperwork is still in process.
- Discuss and Vote on the Board Member Agreement & Board Member Expectations – Nate Schow briefly reviewed the board member agreement and the board member expectations. There were no changes on the board member agreement. Changes were added to the board member expectations because of the changes in Utah Law regarding computer filters. Also, the electronic resources policy has been added and information regarding purchasing board hardware at fair market value. **Jerrad Pullum made a motion to approve the Academica West invoice in the amount of \$7,516.24, the Syracuse City purchase not to exceed \$7,000 for half the cost of crosswalk lights for North Campus and the Board Member Agreement and Board Member Expectations. Dale Pfister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (Items for Discussion Only)

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➤ **Calendaring Items – ALL**

- September Pre-Board Meeting – August 27th
- Next Board Meeting – September 3rd
- Upcoming Events:
 - ✓ Board pictures
 - ★ Jr. High registration – August 6th (4-7 pm)
 - ★ Back to School Night – August 17th (2-4 pm)
 - ✓ Newcomers Night
 - ★ Antelope Campus – August 10th
 - ★ North Campus – August 4th
 - ✓ Back to School Night
 - ★ Antelope Campus – August 17th (K-6) August 13th (7-9)
 - ★ North Campus – August 20th
 - ✓ First Day of School – August 18th

6:22PM – Mary Johnston made a motion to take a BREAK and go 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). Nate Schow seconded the motion.

The votes were as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously.

7:47 PM – Nate Schow made a motion to exit the CLOSED SESSION. Mary Johnston seconded the motion. The votes were as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Peacock thanked Mr. Puffer for the update on the parent letter received by the board. The board will leave the matter in his hands to follow up.

7:48 PM – Jerrad Pullum made a motion to ADJOURN. Mary Johnston seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

August Action Items:

1. Check the masonry at the new campus (looks stained) – **Sheldon**
2. Order board shirts with the new logo design – **Dawn/Julie**

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