

Access Charter School
Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 15, 2023

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order

The hybrid Access Charter School Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Chairman, Kyle Havill, at 5:06 P.M. Notice of the hybrid Board meeting was provided to the public via the school communication system, school marquee, and school calendar prior to the meeting date.

Roll Call

Board Members participating in person: Bert Fonseca, Kyle Havill, Alice Ramadan
Board Members participating via the web: Marisa Bradbury, Lori Georganna, and Tina Webster
Non-Board Member participating in person: Roger Watkins, Executive Director

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 13 and September 27, 2023 had been presented through email. As a follow-up to the 9/27 minutes, the Executive Director indicated that none of the three first-year teachers are out of field. Marisa Bradbury made a motion to approve both sets of minutes and Alice Ramadan seconded. Motion passed; minutes approved.

Director's Report

The current FTE enrollment is 127. However, two students didn't attend during the enrollment window for medical reasons putting FTE funding at risk for the absent students. One of the 2 students will not be returning. FTE for the 2nd student may not come until February. The Director is anticipating 10 additional students by January; 5 are graduating.

Mr. Leason (prior ACS teacher) will be returning to ACS after the holidays and potentially lead a new classroom with additional students coming in.

ACS is monitoring two students for significant behaviors. One student was placed on a half-day program which has helped somewhat. However, the disruptive behaviors have impacted the other students, teachers, and staff. Parents have called concerned about the impact on their children. The school is currently collecting data using the Able system to determine how much of the students' day requires 1-1 support. After Christmas, the half-day student will be back to full-day. The Director is anticipating adjusting classroom placement and using the new teacher for support.

ACS launched a new program called "Showcase Student of the Month" which highlights and reinforces the positive behaviors of students. Staff have provided positive feedback on the new program. Aaron and Jared Brown (not related) are the middle and HS students of the month. The school also started "Kudos to You" to recognize staff members.

School meetings are held weekly rotating in admin, teachers, therapists, and paraprofessionals to discuss areas of concern. To support the Director's leadership goal for the school, Miss Jones was designated as the lead to bring forward concerns from all the paraprofessionals.

The open case continues. The director met with the legal counsel to review the requested witness list. ACS's legal defense submitted 14 people who are familiar with the student and the school. The plaintiff submitted 78 witnesses. They requested depositions with the ACS team that was involved which will likely be done in January.

The reading program has been finalized through Beanstalk.

The threat assessment team completed their training because the State changed the rules regarding the principal's involvement. In addition, Law enforcement must also be trained and available at any time. Every off-duty officer will be trained. Goes into effect in January 2024.

1 student placed 2nd in the state for weightlifting for special Olympics. The Director is also working with a 10th grader finishing up their Eagle Scout badge. The student will do fundraising to pay for the repair of the school's flag poles and purchase new flags. The student will also write procedures and protocols for students to raise and lower the flag each day.

10 parents came to open house; 7 for the next school year, 2 for the current year, and 1 for 2026.

Lori Georganna made a motion to accept the Director's report. Bert Fonseca seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

It was noted that the budget does not reflect the shortfall of the 2 FTEs mentioned previously. Medical insurance is higher than anticipated but overall looking good. Expenses are favorable due to open positions.

The Director identified \$600 monthly cost savings if Spectrum is replaced by Truva. Anticipate switching in January.

Bert Fonseca made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tina Webster seconded. Motion carried.

Action Items

No action orders

Board Member Matters:

- a. Assessor Report – Alice Ramadan. Alice observed a meeting led by the Director with teachers, staff, and paras where he outlined the school's goals and vision. It was very positively received. Alice facilitated a discussion with the group to identify what is working in support of the goals, what could be improved, and how else the school could support the team to meet and exceed the goals. Positive and constructive feedback was received. Overall, the meeting participants felt heard. They are on board with the goals and appreciate the Director's accountability to the Board for his goals. Alice did an hour-long tour of the campus as well. She will summarize her observations for the Board. Alice proposed each Board member do a tour each year.

Prior to the January 10, 2024, meeting, Alice will send the evaluation form to the Board for review.

Bert is joining the OCA board in January and indicated there are no conflicts of interest.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bert Fonseca. Alice Ramadan seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 P.M.

FOR CORRECTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT Lori Georganna at lgeorganna@AccessCharterSchool.org
2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule – All meetings are at 5:00 P.M. Next meeting is January 10, 2024, at the campus and hybrid.

Respectfully submitted
Lori Georganna, November 15, 2023