



Colorado Springs Charter Academy

Regular Board Meeting Minutes | August 15, 2024 | 4:30 PM | Location- CSCA

Vision: We kindle enthusiasm to craft bold and effective citizen-scholars

Mission: Colorado Springs Charter Academy is love for community expressed in action. We are entrusted with dear purchase, to bind our students' days of innocence and joy with structure, content and character. To accomplish this, we cultivate the individual potential of all our students by: providing academically rigorous, proven, content-rich educational programs; developing incisive analytical skills and well-stocked minds; fostering self-advocacy, passion, citizenship, and exemplary character; holding individualized high expectations; involving and welcoming parents and community members.

CORE VIRTUES – Respect & Responsibility/Self-Control & Discipline/Wonder/Charity/Courage/Love of Country/Faithfulness/Graciousness & Courtesy/Joy

1. Meeting Called to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Colorado Springs Charter Academy board of directors was called to order by Board Chair at 4:35pm, by Sarah Shaffer

Roll Call

Board members present: Board Chair Sarah Shaffer, Vice President Jill Gaebler, Treasurer Jennifer Smith, Secretary Bobby Adams, Kristopher Hayward, Aster Klein

CSCA staff attending the meeting: HOS Zoe Ann Holmes, Teacher Board Representative Kristen Ross, Minutes Recorder Deb Black

2. Approvals

Approval for the August 15, 2024 board meeting minutes. Motion by Kris Hayward to approve, Jen Smith second, unanimously approved.

3. Presentations and Reports

Facilities Update – Mr. Lancaster – The fire department inspection went well. Besides very minor issues, it was a good inspection. He needs to fix some things on the rental houses. We have the same renters as last year. If Miss Linhart leaves, we already have another interested renter.

4. Executive Session

Motion by Bobby Adams to move to Executive Session at 4:50 PM, Jill Gaebler second, unanimously approved.

(a) §24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S., Concerning the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest. Exception: Not available where a member of the governing body has a personal interest in the transaction.

Returned to regular session at 5:33 PM.

5. Regular Session & Presentations and Reports

HOS Report– Mrs. Holmes – Enrollment is up slightly at 313. Discussion about teacher retention, fewer college students getting teaching degrees, and hiring is a systemic problem at schools. Thanked COSILoveYou group from New Life for doing work around the school.

SAC Report– Mrs. Hershman – Mrs. Hershman – The UIP was updated over the summer and read at the SAC meeting on August 13th. ELL students will have a multicultural event on October 25th to encourage them to read.

Staff Report – Mrs. Ross – Teachers and students are glad to be back at school. Mrs. Ross and Hershman are providing High School Prep classes this year for 8th grade students based on feedback from students last year. MS is adding math and reading prep for 7th graders and exploratory classes in addition to specials.

PTO Report – Mrs. Holmes – PTO signed up with 1st Place Spirit Wear to reduce prices for our school community. A teacher grant will be available to teachers so they can request funding for their class. There will be a Read-A-Thon fundraiser and a Fall Carnival.

Solar Power Update – Kristopher Hayward – Discussed power use, utilities cost, renewable energy, the ROI, and the electric bill to all be positive for the school. Kris and Michelle will get names for bids and see how to coordinate this with The Best Grant if possible.

6. Other Business

7. Future Meeting Topics

8. Adjourn

* Motion to adjourn at 6:27pm by Jill Gaebler, Jen Smith second, unanimously approved.

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