



Colorado Springs Charter Academy

Board Meeting Agenda | March 17, 2022

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.

EPIC - Excellence/Positivity/Integrity with Respect/Citizenship

Preliminaries

Call to order @ 6:34pm

Roll Call –

Board Members - Eric Fedders, Breck Merkle, McCrea Andersen

Guests - Laura Easley, Zoe Ann Holmes, Hannah Linhart, Kristie Khem, Rachel Sokol, Melissa Peltier, Kevin Dolley, Shannon Larson, Corey Chin, Tom Pesavento, Mike McCaffrey, Chrissy Rausch, Steve Carlson, Seth Carlson, Aimee Dalton, Brittani Desotelle, Cassidy Pham, Kristen Ross, Anna Mitchell, Deanna Shrewsbury, Beth Spargo, Jen Smith

Reading of School Vision & Mission – McCrea Andersen

Public Comments (2 minutes for each person) – staff and teachers feel that an Academic Dean/Coordinator position (or similar) is a critical role, discussion of why non-board member was present at head of school interviews

Approval of minutes 02.24.22, 03.04.22, 03.07.22. – all approved with changes as presented – to add guests to Feb 24, 2022 minutes – motion to approve minutes with proposed changes – motion passed

Reports

❖ Interim Head of School: Zoe Ann Holmes

- Current enrollment 391 students, several prospective students and families attended March 16th tour
- Safety - ERT (emergency response team) lock down drill scheduled for March, focus on fire life safety to improve day to day preparedness, increasing staff education around school specific emergency preparedness
- Staffing - Interviews being held for music, kindergarten and MS writing teachers and behavioral interventionist
- General Updates - CMAS testing will start in early April, EPIC assembly in March was the first all-school assembly since COVID started, not enough interest to form a soccer team this season – will revisit next year, book fair went well, updates on Art projects and events, literacy curriculum committee has narrowed down options and is waiting to learn what curriculums will be approved by CDE, revamping property leasing policies
- Opportunities – driveline and classroom volunteers are needed; PTO fundraising opportunities continue please read newsletter for additional information

❖ PTO Report: Rachel Skokol

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- Dinner night at Perry's – earned just under \$200
- March 15th was Chuck E Cheese fundraiser – waiting to hear what the total is
- March 18th – staff luncheon “Thanks a Brunch”
- March 21st – Auction for Lunch with Staff (student to eat with staff) will start on April 21st
- April – staff luncheon will be at end of the month and will be for both April & May will be a Cinco de Mayo Theme
- Field Day/Epic Picnic – finalizing date and schedule
- PTO Election – accepting nominees until March 18th, PTO President and PTO Treasurer are the open positions, voting will start April 4th voting methods will be listed in both school and PTO newsletters, April 11th results of vote will be posted
- ❖ Teacher Report: Ms. Linhart
 - 1st grade invention, 5th grade science fair and 3rd grade planet projects all went well, we are participating participating in Read Across America, Due to Mrs. Deppen leaving kindergarten it is currently difficult to cover kindergarten reading, Mr. Dolley has been helping to support the reading program by inputting DILES data, Academic Dean/Coordinator position is needed to support Head of School
- ❖ Facility Report: Tom Pesavento
 - Working to complete rental homes repairs, gathering bids for work to be completed during summer break, presentation from Corey Chin, mechanical engineer with Farnsworth Group, to discuss the potential to engineer and design A/C for two south facing rooms and automatic temp controls for tow other rooms

Board Topics

- ❖ Discussion regarding permanent Head of School position interviews and vote to offer the position to one of the candidates
 - Motion made to present permanent Head of School position to Zoe Ann Holmes – motion seconded, approved
 - March 18th will begin the 14 calendar-day waiting period to formally approve Zoe Ann Holmes as the permanent Head of School for CSCA
- ❖ CSI budget reporting and policy report from John Brendza
 - Discussion of CSI concerns regarding current governance structure and actions required to be taken immediately by CSCA Board of Directors
- ❖ Amended Budget update presented and discussed. Possible vote of the amended budget. – this item to be moved to April agenda
- ❖ Motion made to hire Paragon Financial Consulting Services – motion seconded, approved
- ❖ School Calendar reviewed and voted on
 - Motion made to approve 2022 – 2023 school calendar as presented – motion seconded, approved
- ❖ Middle School drainage discussion and vote – this item to be moved to April agenda
- ❖ Process for appointing new board members discussion – by laws read and reviewed
- ❖ Rental agreements briefly discussed with potential subcommittee to review
- ❖ Lawyer update – we are currently without legal counsel but have three candidates that will be selected from

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❖ Key Points

- Zoe Ann Holmes has been selected as permanent Head of School – 14 calendar-day waiting period will begin on March 18th
- PTO Elections will be held April 4th
- Financial Consultant approved to assist with school financials
- CMAS Testing starting in early April

Meeting Close

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

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