
Ascend Leadership Academy

March 2022

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Location: Ascend Leadership Academy, Building B Classroom 108

Link to Virtual Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506676859?pwd=Q2oySjhOUWMrVjJHTetqa1Z3dTVMZz09>

Members Present: B. Grindle, Jason Smith, R. Scott, A. Fonke, D. Goodson

Members Absent: N/A

Non-Members Present: Justin Smith (Director), C. Draughon, D. Perez

Call to Order: Jason Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

School Mission:

The mission of Ascend Leadership Academy is to develop successful student leaders by growing their self-efficacy, intellectual understanding, and social competence. ALA will accomplish this by applying innovative teaching methods, incorporating student cultural realities and cultivating student ownership in the learning community.

Agenda

Open Session

- 1. Recitation of Mission:** Justin Smith
- 2. Approval of March Agenda:** Motion made to approve the agenda made by D. Goodson, seconded by R. Scott, unanimous approval
- 3. Approval of Minutes:**

[February 23 Minutes](#)

Motion made to approve the agenda made by R. Scott, seconded by B. Grindle, unanimous approval

Closed Session: Purpose of Closed Session Discussion Item #3: 143-318.11. Closed sessions.(a) Permitted Purposes. - It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

Entered into Closed session at 6:32 pm

1. Interview with ALA Board Member Candidates

Candidate: Kyla Love - Interest began in researching charter school options for her children. Experience with another charter school led her to want to be more involved than just in a parental capacity. Appreciates the leadership aspects of the curriculum. Believes her best skill is communication and marrying rules and policies to real life situations.

Review of Candidate: Mike Iskandar- Candidate was interviewed by Jason Smith and B. Grindle on March 22. Strong views on interpersonal skills and writing experiences. Interested in serving and becoming involved with education.

Motion made by R.Scott to offer Mike Iskandar a position on the board. Seconded by D. Goodson, unanimous approval.

Candidate Oscar Moreno did not arrive. Will continue to recruit and review Kyla Love again with other candidates.

Motion made by D. GOodson to end closed session, seconded by Jason Smith. Closed session ended at 7:21pm

Open Session

4. Public Comment: None

5. School Administrative Report:

[School Administrative Report - March](#)

Presented by Justin Smith. National Honor Society inductions occurred this month, as well as the Junior Honor Society inductions. ACT's were taken on campus, results have not been posted. Lottery ran on March 3rd. There are wait lists for each grade. Career week was successful and enjoyed by faculty and staff. Presentations were completed for the Charter Renewal. Science fair, prom, and spring break are coming soon. HS course enrollment is underway including dual enrollment with CCCC. Spring sports have begun. New policies have been implemented for Bathroom/Hallway traffic.

6. Charter Success Partners' Finance Report:

[January Finance Report](#)

No big changes on the finance report. Numbers are holding steady towards projected surplus.

7. COVID Update:

[2.019 ALA Covid-19 Mask Policy](#) - Requires Board Action

Proposed policy presented by Justin Smith

Motion to accept the proposed mask policy made by D. Goodson, seconded by A. Fonke, unanimous approval.

8. Board Member Conflict of Interest/Nepotism Policy:

[ALA Board Nepotism Policy](#)

Policy presented by Justin Smith and no changes were deemed necessary.

9. Social Media Policy and Discrimination, Harrassment, and Bullying Policy:

a. [Social Media Policy](#) - For discussion and possible board action

Discussion led by Justin Smith. It is requested that the board review this policy, submit comments on the document or via email, and be prepared to vote on the policy at the next meeting.

b. [Discrimination, Harrassment, and Bullying Policy](#) - Requires Board Action

Discussion led by Justin Smith. It is requested that the board review this policy, submit comments on the document or via email, and be prepared to vote on the policy at the next meeting.

10. 2022-2023 Calendar:

[2022-2023 Calendar Draft](#) - Requires Board Action

Proposed calendar presented by Justin Smith.

Motion made to approve the calendar as presented was made by R. Scott, seconded by Jason Smith. Unanimous approval.

11. 2022-23 Annual Budget- 1st Review:

a. [FY23 Budget](#)

First review of next year's budget presented by C. Draughon. It is requested that the board review the proposed budget and be prepared to vote on it at the next meeting.

12. ALA's "Grows and Glows" from Charter Renewal Visit:

a. [ALA Grows and Glows](#)

Document review and discussion led by Justin Smith.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by D. Goodson . Seconded by Jason Smith, unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm