

American Heritage Charter School
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
November 7, 2013

Time: 6:30pm

Roll Call:

Board of Directors

Chairperson Debra Infanger
Vice Chairman Trent VanderSloot
Secretary Sara Schofield
Treasurer Mike Infanger
Director Tappia Infanger
Director Tony Lima
Parent Representative Valerie Horlacher

Others in Attendance:

Mrs. Gayle DeSmet
Mrs. Cathy Thompson
Dr. Chad Harris
Business Manager Angela Lords

Agenda:

Motion was made by Board Treasurer Mike Infanger and seconded by Director Tappia Infanger to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Board Treasurer Mike Infanger and seconded by Director Tony Lima to approve the minutes from the meetings held on October 10, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Report-Washington Federal Save at School:

Justin Pond presents the Save at School program offered by Washington Federal to the board. Washington Federal will send the enrollment forms to the school to be given out to each student. Those forms will then be turned in to the office and the information will be sent to Washington Federal to open the account. A \$5.00 deposit is needed to open each account for each student. An employee from Washington Federal will return each month to take the children's deposits. A motion was made by Director Tappia Infanger and seconded by Secretary Sara Schofield to approve offering the Save at School program through Washington Federal at American Heritage. Motion carried unanimously.

PFA Report:

Tappia Infanger (playground equip, fundraising update, library progress)

1. Director Tappia Infanger reported that the Wendy's night was a great success earning the school just under \$500.00.
2. The Halloween Carnival was the largest fundraiser of the year bringing in an amazing \$4300.00. Many parents and students are commended for the amazing time and energy that was spent to make it such a huge success.
3. Grandparent's Day will be held on the 8th of October. Cinnamon Rolls and milk will be served for \$1.00 each. Pictures will also be offered for \$7.00.
4. Monday, a Veteran's Day assembly will be held for all students. Ceremonies will begin at 10:00 am. The middle school will then get to take part in the ceremony of retiring a flag in the rear of the school at the fireplace being led by military personnel.
5. The Barnes and Noble day will be taking place on November 14th, 2013. The advanced orchestra will be performing during the day and all purchases where AHCS is mentioned will earn the school 20% of in store credit for purchases at a later date.

6. The music storage closet was recently remodeled into a teacher work room due to a parent of the school offering his labor at no cost.
7. A portion of The Bill of Rights was put up this past weekend along the wall of the gym thanks to Tappia and Deby Infanger. The gym has now been named Freedom Hall and will eventually have all of the Bill of Rights displayed there.
8. The playground equipment has been ordered and should arrive the first week of December.
9. The mayoral debate went very well and the students that participated asked some amazing questions. It was a very positive experience.
10. A parent has volunteered to sponsor a debate team for AHCS. This will begin in January after the holidays.
11. The current balance in the PFA account is \$8,000.00.

Chairperson Report:

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No announcements were reported.

Admin Report:

Compass Academy Visit

Mrs. DeSmet stated that the visit to Compass Academy went well. Much was learned during the visit. While the school may have much success, the mission and vision of AHCS and Compass Academy are not the same. Many positive things are taking place, but the standards of the school are very different than those of AHCS.

High School Expansion

Chairperson Deby Infanger read letters written by parents discussing the pros and cons of the expansion which would include: financial decisions, options of space, hiring more staff and the educational benefits. Much discussion was held between the board members as well as parents who were in attendance on this issue.

Dashboard

Dr. Harris explains that the dashboard is simply a 30,000 ft view of the school finances, and demographics that is submitted to the Public Charter School Commission several times per year. The dashboard has been completed at this time and the information will be forwarded to Chairperson Deby Infanger so that she can forward this information the Commission.

New Business:

Adopt The Special Ed Policy Manual

Motion was made by Director Tappia Infanger and seconded by Treasurer Mike Infanger to approve the Special Ed Policy Manual as provided by the ISBA. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion for High School Facility

A motion was made by Board Vice Chairman Trent Vandersloot and seconded by Sara Schofield that AHCS extend into 9th grade with the contingency that AHCS will find a local lender to finance the extension. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Training-Sara Schofield

8th Grade Student provides training on Dave Ramsey's Curriculum for his 8th grade class

*(all materials are attached)

Old Business

Building Use Policy

Dr. Harris presents the new Building Use Policy to the Board. This policy will be available for a 30 day review for comment and feedback from the public. The policy will be brought back to the board at the next meeting for approval.

Financials:

Bills and Payroll

Motion was made by Director Sara Schofield and seconded by Board Treasurer Mike Inganger to pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

*List of bills attached

Executive Session

No Executive Session necessary.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Board Vice Chairman Trent VanderSloot and seconded by Board Treasurer Mike Infanger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Angela Lords
Business Manager

Deby Infanger
Board Chairperson