

American Heritage Charter School

Regular Board Meeting

September 7, 2023

4:00 pm via Zoom

Roll Call

Board of Directors: Chairperson Deby Infanger Vice Chair Trent VanderSloot Director Tappia Infanger Director Mike Infanger Director Eliza Ruys Director Cheri Lima Others in Attendance: Dr. Hurst Head Administrator Mr. Rose-Secondary Administrator Angela Lords, Business Manager Others participating by Zoom	Not in Attendance: Mr. Jim Dalton, Board Executive Director
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Pledge of Allegiance

Dispensed due to virtual meeting.

Agenda

Vice Chairman Trent VanderSloot moved to approve the agenda to include new hires in our new business category. Director Tappia Infanger seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Special Orders

Chairperson Deby Infanger reported quickly on the progress of the building including the fire panel.

Consent Agenda

Director Tappia Infanger moved to approve the consent agenda to include Lowes and Century Link when they arrive. Director Vice Chairman Trent VanderSloot seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Administrative, PFA, and Student Reports and Recommendations

Elementary Update

The elementary school had a wonderful start to the new year. We are full in all K-5 classes now. Here is our current breakdown

K- 50 students

1st- 50 students

2nd- 52 students

3rd- 52 students

4th- 59 students

5th- 56 students

- This year I would like to submit our Annual Performance Report for our continuous improvement plan. This is the first year we can do this as a charter school. However, we still need to make sure you know about our improvement goals and keep you updated on those goals. At the elementary level, we are continuing to improve in the areas of math and reading. We want to continue to work on our guaranteed viable standards (these standards all students will master before moving on to the next grade level). We are also working on making sure our assessments are measuring the standards we are teaching. In the area of reading, we are also working on being trained and implementing reading intervention in grades K-3 and 4-5. We have our training this Friday and then will build the intervention into our schedules to give to the SDE. I will get your thoughts on our strategic goals at the board meeting. We will need to post these goals on our website.
- We will hold our Walk-a-Thon on September 21, 2023. The theme for this year is A "Mazing" Heroes. We will hold it at the New Sweden Farms. We are looking forward to seeing all the heroes running and walking. Each child who participates will receive a treat.
- The Teacher Professional Development went well over the past few weeks. It was a good reminder for GE to come in and talk about creating a positive atmosphere within the classroom and school setting. It goes great with our Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports. We also had the SDE come in and train us on the Best Practices to use with English Learners.
- We have some teachers who would like to attend a matinee on March 28th. It will be Light Wire. These performers use music and light to create a story. It will be a great opportunity for them to attend. We could use some of our fundraising funds to help provide this opportunity to our student if there is not enough donations.
- I have a teacher who would love to start the process of having a 4H group here at our school. This group would focus on Government and other areas. 4H is a great program that has much to offer our students in many areas. It is something that could start off slowly around the area of government etc. and then expand over time.

- I have also asked to have one person from each building along with admin to meet as a safety committee to hold meetings to discuss areas of need. We will get this going very soon and meet throughout the year.
- We will have a Federal Programs Audit this coming year. It will be a desk audit and it will be held in February. I will keep everyone updated on how we do and any areas of improvement within these programs.
- We have found a PFA President for this year. Annie Bradford has volunteered again to help in this area. She will be at the Board Meeting this week.
- I am working with our new facilities manager, Marty Pettingill, to get the Wall Ball put up sometime this year. We just need to discuss where it will be located and then Marty will help me get it going. There is money from the fundraiser a few years ago that we have saved for this purpose.
- Just in case we forgot to say something last month, we do have a new Facilities Manager, Marty Pettingill. He has done a great job and is so willing to help. We are happy to have him as part of our team.

We have a wonderful staff here at AHCS. Everyone is working hard to ensure the school year starts great.

*By the end of this month we should know if we receive the grant for expansion. Yesterday was the last day for the intergovernmental review.

Secondary Update

- **Great start to the school year!!**
Again this year we welcomed all sixth graders and new to AHCS 7th-12th graders on Tuesday September 5. It is a great opportunity to welcome new students into our secondary program.

The rest of the students began September 6 and participated in our onboarding process.

- **All House meeting/Sorting**
This Thursday we sorted new students into houses. It was awesome to see all the new students get welcomed into a house. We feel like it helps students feel a part of something as soon as they are on campus.

- **Exchange students**

We welcomed 5 new exchange students this year. We have a great relationship with EF Exchange, they love to send students to us!

- **Electives**

We kicked off electives today as well. I have linked the electives catalog again for reference. Our students love this time of year.

- Field trips include;

Yellowstone

Starlight Skating

Greek Festival in SLC

School for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding

Factory 43

A few more are TBD

- **Character Ed**

Our new teachers also received training on GE this year. We will continue to focus on GE as well as on Ron Clark's Essential 55 and Cowboy Ethics. We have added activities to our AH curriculum that teach kids about RC E55.

- **House Competitions and The Amazing Shake**

Our house competitions will be centered around The Amazing Shake developed by Ron Clark. We feel like these activities align very well with the core values of our school. I am including a link that will help give some context.

- <https://www.theamazingshake.com/>

- How to introduce yourself...Our first house competition! <https://youtu.be/52LCRyHKqb0>

Student Council

- VP Jasmine Lima reported to the board

1. September 13th is the Texting Fundraiser.

2. Spirit Week September 25-28 to prep for the dance. Spirit week will be the following: Monday is Tourist Day, Tuesday is Backpack Day, Wednesday is School Spirit Day and Thursday is Home Room Wars. Students will have to wear their polos but can wear things on top.
3. September 29th is the blood drive.
4. September 29th back to school dance.

PFA Report

- The Walk A Thon is coming up on the 13th of September. Cookies and milk will be served to the kids after the event.
- Dinner for the Parent Teacher Conferences will be served for the conferences is October.

New Business

- A. The first reading was conducted on the policies: 4100, 4105, 4105F, 4110, 4120, 4130, 4135, 4135F, 4140 and 4150-ACTION ITEM
- B. No action was taken on the Dental Exam Survey.
- C. Director Cheri Lima moved to approve the strategic plan as presented to the board. Director Tappia Infanger seconded the motion. There was no objection and the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Trent VanderSloot to adjourn at 4:36 pm. Director Cheri Lima seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Lords
Board Clerk