

American Heritage Charter School
Regular Board Meeting
November 9, 2023

4:00 pm via Zoom

Roll Call

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

Dispensed due to virtual meeting.

Agenda

Director Tappia Infanger moved to approve the agenda as provided to the board. PFA Representative Annie Bradford seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Special Orders

Chairperson Deby Infanger reported on the progress of the building.

Consent Agenda

Director Tappia Infanger moved to approve the consent agenda PFA Representative Annie Bradford seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Administrative, PFA, and Student Reports and Recommendations

Elementary Update

Dr. Hurst reported on the following:

I hope everyone is doing well. There are so many great and exciting things happening within our school and I look forward to reporting this information. If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please reach out to me.

* AHCS now has its own 4H program. The name of our 4H Club is the American Heritage 4H Club. We will hold our first meeting tonight, November 8, 2023, right after school. The projects offered include Know Your Government, My Heritage, Idaho Wildlife, and Model Rockets. It will be great to provide students with these opportunities over this coming school year.

* Tools of Life will be coming to our area this year in Idaho Falls. This program provides support to students with disabilities, their families, and educators. This program is done every year in Idaho, but this year it is in our neighborhood. We would like our students to have the opportunity to attend. This program will be on March 4th and March 5th at the Mountain America Center. The cost for students is \$10 and educators are free. The cost for parents is \$80. There will be a guest keynote speaker and breakout sessions people can attend. The areas they will focus on include the following:

- * Employment

- * Assistive Technology

- * Post-Secondary Education

- * Independent Living

- * Self-Advocacy

* We held the Meet and Greets in K-5 during the month of October. It was great to see parents come eat with their students and then provide us with information. I appreciate Annie's help in talking with the parents when they were here. I have attached the information that was obtained when speaking with those in attendance.

* We held our 3rd Trunk or Treat in October. We had 52 trunks who attended and others who provided some treats for the students. It was a beautiful day and the activity went very well. It was great to see the support we are receiving from our school community.

* I would like to get permission spend some student funds to do a Polar Express activity for the students. I would love for the students to attend school in their Pajamas (over their uniforms that day). We would decorate the gym to look like Christmas and the Polar Express. We will have the students go into the gym in the afternoon where they will be greeted by the train conductor and the wait staff. We will have hot cocoa, and chocolate chip cookies for each student. We will watch the Polar Express and stop the movie when they get to the North Pole and the bell. Santa then will visit our students and present to them with their own Christmas Bell. After Santa leaves we will continue the show.

* We will begin our Christmas Service Project On November 16, 2023. We will be giving out to each class K-5 their adoptive grandparent's name and the items they have on their wish list. We will plan on taking them to deliver those gifts on December 13, 2023. I appreciate Angie's help in getting this setup for the school.

* We have attended three meetings on our Federal Grant and we should be up and running soon with being able to move forward with pulling down funds. We received \$1.56 million to help with our 7-12 grade expansion.

* We will begin our Afterschool Reading Program on December 5, 2023. This program will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the rest of the school year. We have teachers who have said they will help students during this time with their reading skills. We just sent out the invites and I will be able to report how many accepted the invite by our next board meeting.

* We are looking forward for the new building to be completed. It has been fun watching the building site change over the past few months. Thanks to everyone who has made this effort possible.

* Our Christmas Program is fast approaching. It will be held on December 11, 2023. Save the Date for this wonderful event. More information will be provided at a later date.

*I have attached the newsletter that was sent out for November. We are looking forward to the Veterans Day Assembly tomorrow, Thursday, November 9, 2023. We have invited the Veterans in to eat lunch with the students. We will have one Veteran that we know of attend that is 102 years old and served in WWII. What a special day tomorrow and we look forward to thanking all of our Veterans who have served. Thank you to Tappia for helping with a great token to give to each of the service men and women who come in tomorrow.

*We held our first Parent Teacher Conferences this past month. We had a great turnout. During this time, we did inform our parents about our Title I program. We have a Parent Involvement Policy that was provided to them and we did inform those that they can make suggestions for this policy. We then have to present the policy to the board to review every year. Currently, it is the same policy since there were no suggestions given.

Secondary Update

Mr. Rose reported on the following:

We are already beyond quarter 1 for the year, another year moving too quickly. Below are a few updates happening in the secondary:

Athletics

We are in the middle of the MS Girls basketball season and have held tryouts for boys and girls HS basketball teams. Our A team is currently undefeated and headed into the conference tournament as the likely #1 seed. Our HS season starts with girls basketball at Grace Lutheran November 14th. From there it gets very busy! We are hoping to host our 1st home game December 15th, fingers are crossed.

Success-a-bration

We held our 1st quarterly success-a-bration November 2nd with a dodgeball tournament. Students who are caught up on all work also have a choice of a movie room or tech room for the last half of the

day. Students who did not qualify get individual time with teachers to make up work they are missing. The teachers' dodgeball team suffered their first ever loss in the championship round. I have vowed to my staff to never lose again.

Mad Scientist Day

The secondary hosted another Mad Scientist day this year on Halloween. A special thanks to Alaysha Whitworth for planning all the experiments and coordinating with elementary. She has done a great job making that day special for elementary and secondary students.

Food Drive

We hosted another food drive this year to benefit the American Legion. They count on our support now as we are their largest single contributor. Our last donations will be received next monday and AL will pick up our donation on their way to their Pocatello Headquarters.

Science/STEM Activities for approval

Here is the [link](#) for the planning document for our Science/STEM activities this year. I will discuss each activity with you for approval.

Student Council Report

Mr. Krohn presented the following options to the board for upcoming activities.

November 13th the winners of the food drive will be announced in a video shown in the house meetings.

Jingle Bell Rock dance will be held in December from 7-10 pm.

- A. Director Tappia Infanger moved to approve the Jingle Bell Rock dance and the Food Drive Video as presented by the student council. PFA Representative Annie Bradford seconded the motion. There was no objection and the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

PFA Report

- The Thanksgiving pie serving sign up has gone out. Parents will serve and donate pies for that day.

Old Business

- A. Director Tappia Infanger moved to approve policy numbers 4100, 4105, 4105F, 4110, 4120, 4130, 4135, 4135F, 4140 and 4150. Director Eliza Ruys seconded the motion. There was no objection and the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

New Business

- B. The first reading on the policies: 4170, 4200, 4210, 4210F, 4220P, 4220, 4225, 4230, 4240 and 4250-has been tabled until the next meeting.
- C. Director Tappia Infanger moved to approve policy number 2420 with no changes.. Director Eliza Ruys seconded the motion. There was no objection and the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.
- D. Director Cheri Lima moved to approve the new building cameras bid 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.
- E. Director Tappia Infanger moved to approve after school government club as presented to the board for the 3-5th grade. Mrs. Pettingill will be the advisor for the club. Director Eliza Ruys seconded the motion. There was no objection and the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.
- F. PFA Parent Representative Annie Bradford moved to approve the Tools for Life SPED meeting for the SPED staff. 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 Director Tappia Infanger to adjourn at 5:18 pm. Director Eliza Ruys seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Lords
Board Clerk