



STEPPING STONES ACADEMY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AUGUST 11, 2020 3:00 P.M. MST
STEPPING STONES ACADEMY CONFERENCE ROOM

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the general public that Stepping Stones Academy Board of Directors will hold a meeting open to the public on the specified date and time. A copy of the meeting agenda is available at least 24 hours in advance at Stepping Stones Academy Administrative Office or on its web site. Members of the Board will attend the meeting in person or by telephone conference call. The Board reserves the right to change the order of agenda items with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time. All agenda items are open for discussion and possible action.

Persons in need of translation or with a disability seeking reasonable accommodations are to contact Dedre Stewart-Alliger at 623-465-4910.

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

1. Roll Call
2. Recognition of Guests

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Financial Report

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Staff Recognitions and Celebrations Report
2. Campus Events and Projects Report
3. Student Academic Achievement Report
4. Student Enrollment Report

BUSINESS ITEMS

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (2) & (3) the Board of Directors reserves the right to move into executive session for legal advice with its attorney concerning any item listed on the agenda, in person or by telephone, and/or for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt of information that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

1. Mitigation Plan
2. Face Covering Policy
3. On Campus Learning Plan
4. Off Campus Learning Plan
5. Campus Closure Plan
6. Personnel Matters

ADJOURNMENT

Date and Time Posted August 8, 2020 10:15 a.m.

Location Posted www.steppingstonesacademy.org and

Stepping Stones Academy Administrative Office, 35812 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85086

Posted by Dedre Stewart-Alliger and Tina Panagopoulos



STEPPING STONES ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 11, 2020 **3:00 P.M. MST**
STEPPING STONES ACADEMY VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

President Murray called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present - Debbie Bauer, Liana Doe, Anita Murray, Anna Shugars, Dedre Stewart-Alliger, Tina Panagopoulos,

Members Absent – N/A

Recognition of Guests – N/A

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Approval of Agenda – Murray motioned to approve the agenda and Bauer seconded the motion.
Ayes – Bauer, Doe, Murray, Panagopoulos, Shugars, Stewart-Alliger
Nays – None

Motion Carried: 6-0

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting - Doe motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Bauer seconded the motion.

Ayes – Bauer, Doe, Murray, Panagopoulos, Shugars, Stewart-Alliger

Nays – None

Motion Carried: 6-0

3. Approval of Financial Reports – Financial report was given through May, 2020. Murray motioned to approve the financial records and Shugars seconded the motion.

Ayes – Bauer, Doe, Murray, Panagopoulos, Shugars, Stewart-Alliger

Nays – None

Motion Carried: 6-0

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Staff Recognitions and Celebrations Report – Ms. Stewart-Alliger recognized the Stepping Stones Academy staff members for their continued work in starting the 2020-2021 school year amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. All students are working off campus from August 4th-14th so teachers are teaching through Zoom meetings. Starting August 17th students may return to campus or continue with off campus learning.

2. Campus Events and Projects Report – Ms. Stewart-Alliger reported on the Back to School Bash scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th from 12:00-8:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 13th from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Families are scheduling a 15 minute appointment with homeroom teachers and meeting in classrooms. Time is allowed between meetings for teachers to clean as needed. Approximately 85% of families have scheduled an appointment.

3. Student Academic Achievement Report – Ms. Stewart-Alliger reported selected students (i.e. K-3rd grades, new students, students in special education) scheduled 30 minute assessment times from

Thursday, August 6th-Tuesday, August 11th to meet one-on-one with teachers for beginning of the year assessment testing. Attendance was optional. Approximately 80% of students attended. Mrs. Panagopoulos reported on the teachers in Pre-K-2nd grades and special education testing the Educational Software for Guiding Instruction (ESGI) program as an assessment tool.

4. Student Enrollment Report - Ms. Stewart-Alliger reported enrollment is at 20 students for Pre-K and at capacity for K-8th grades. Families remain on waiting lists.

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1. Mitigation Plan – Ms. Stewart-Alliger reported the Mitigation Plan is not yet completed. This item was tabled until the next Governing Board meeting.

2. Face Covering Policy – Ms. Stewart-Alliger presented Stepping Stones Academy's Face Covering Policy and explained per Gov. Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51 the Governing Board is required to discuss the Face Covering Policy. Board members discussed the required age for wearing face coverings at school, how the policy would be implemented, plan for students needing a new face covering during the school day, and steps for enforcing the policy specifically if individuals would not adhere to the policy.

3. On Campus Learning Plan – Ms. Stewart-Alliger presented the 2020-2021 Stepping Stones Academy On Campus Learning Plan for August 4th-14th and August 17th-September 3rd. Board members discussed the schedule, new drop off and pick up procedures, and the location and supervision of the mandated free on-site learning opportunities as required in Gov. Ducey's Executive Order 2020-51. Stepping Stones Academy entitled this site Mustang Care and is requesting parents sign up by the previous Friday for each week. The number of staff members needed for supervision will be determined each week by the number of students attending each day.

4. Off Campus Learning Plan – Ms. Stewart-Alliger presented the 2020-2021 Stepping Stones Academy Off Campus Learning Plan for August 4th-14th and August 17th-September 3rd. Board members discussed the daily schedule, teachers, and instruction of the Google classroom to ensure students are knowledgeable in utilizing this platform.

5. Campus Closure – Ms. Stewart-Alliger explained Stepping Stones Academy is prepared in the case of a required campus closure due to an Executive Order by Gov. Ducey. The first three weeks of school teachers are ensuring all students know how to utilize Google classroom and Mrs. Peterson, Technology teacher, is offering a free Parent Google Classroom Training the week of August 24th. Both daytime and evening hours are available for parents wishing to attend. Mrs. Peterson is also providing parents and students with links to online Google Classroom tutorials.

6. Personnel Matters – No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Murray motioned to adjourn the meeting and Doe seconded the motion.

Ayes – Bauer, Doe, Murray, Panagopoulos, Shugars, Stewart-Alliger

Nays – None

Motion Carried: 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.