



STEPPING STONES ACADEMY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AUGUST 3, 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. Face Covering Policy
2. Mitigation Plan
3. Distance Learning Plan
4. Personnel Matters

ADJOURNMENT

Date and Time Posted July 30, 2020 1:00 p.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 3, 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 – None

Recognition of Guests – None

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 - The Secretary's report was presented and approved. Bauer motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and Murray seconded the motion. Ayes – Bauer, Doe, Murray, Panagopoulos, Shugars, Stewart-Alliger
Nays – None

Motion Carried: 6-0

3. Approval of Financial Reports – No report

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Staff Recognitions and Celebrations Report – Ms. Stewart-Alliger recognized the Stepping Stones Academy staff members for their work and positive attitudes during Staff In-Service meetings and trainings completed July 27-31, 2020. Special recognition was given to Mrs. Peterson for her work with the technology program throughout the summer.

2. Campus Events and Projects Report – Mrs. Panagopoulos and Ms. Stewart-Alliger reported on the continued campus preparation for the upcoming school year, including removal of the front part of the stage in the Multi-Purpose building and installation of the computerized library system.

3. Student Academic Achievement Report – Beginning of the year student assessments are scheduled for August 7th, 8th, 10th, and 11th for families choosing to participate in the assessments. For students not assessed on these dates the assessments will occur the week of August 17th either on campus or via Zoom based on family choice.

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

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1. Face Covering Policy – President Murray led discussion about Stepping Stones Academy’s face covering policy. As required by Gov. Ducey’s Executive Order all public schools must develop a written policy about face coverings and share with its families (i.e. written correspondence, post on web site) before on campus learning begins. Board members discussed types of face coverings (i.e. cloth mask, plastic shield), how to help students not lose face coverings, and when students and staff should be required to wear face coverings. Mrs. Panagopoulos and Ms. Stewart-Alliger will present a written face covering policy and present the policy at the next Governing Board meeting.

2. Mitigation Plan – Ms. Stewart-Alliger reported the AZ Dept. of Health Services is scheduled to publish its recommended benchmarks by August 7, 2020, at which time the Stepping Stones Academy’s Mitigation Plan will be completed. As required by Gov. Ducey’s Executive Order all public schools must develop a written Mitigation Plan and share with its families (i.e. written correspondence, post on web site) before on campus learning begins. The Mitigation Plan must also receive approval from the Governing Board. Board members discussed ideas on the best ways to clean, sanitize, and disinfect classrooms and campus. Questions were asked about the cleaning procedure between classes and a suggestion of a Safety Team to help clean campus was made. Mrs. Panagopoulos and Ms. Stewart-Alliger will present the Mitigation Plan at the next Governing Board meeting for Board approval.

3. Distance Learning Plan – Ms. Stewart-Alliger reported Stepping Stones Academy’s Distance Learning Plan (DLP) was submitted to the AZ State Board of Charter Schools. Per Gov. Ducey’s Executive Order all public schools offering off campus learning/distance learning must submit its plan to the appropriate governing authority (i.e. ASBCS, ADE) before its first day of school. The DLP must also be posted on the school’s web site. Ms. Stewart-Alliger reported the DLP would be posted on Stepping Stones Academy’s web site before the first day of school.

4. Personnel Matters – No report

ADJOURNMENT

Bauer motioned to adjourn the meeting and Shugars seconded the motion.

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

Nays – None

Motion Carried: 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.