

Academy for Science and Design (ASD)

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes -APRIL 8, 2015 (Approved May 13, 2015)

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Board Members Present (9): David Alukonis, Heather Bobbitt,, Dr. Michael Diffily, Thomas Frischknecht, Dr. Karen Graham, Kim Lavallee, Heather MacDonald, Brian Smith, Matt Southerton

Board Members Absent (3): Gregory Czuba, Kent Glossop, Dr. Shiby Thomas (arrived later, 6:50pm)

Non-voting members present: Jennifer Cava, Patricia Sockey, Carolyn Marquis

Other public in attendance: (3): Murray Collette, Patty Conard, Rod Conard

1. Public Comments - none

2. Approve Minutes from previous meeting

David Alukonis made a motion to approve the March 11, 2015 meeting's minutes, 2nd by Matt Southerton, all were in favor, so moved.

3. Policies for Board Review

- a. JRA – Student Records and Access (second/final reading)

4. Items of Board Business

- a. Board Treasurer (Kim Lavallee)

Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet shared, on track, nothing anticipated, within normal limits.

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5. Director's Report (Jenn Cava)

- a. Director's Report sent prior to tonight's board meeting

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- Leadership Greater Nashua, April 9th coming tomorrow 1:15pm. This will be a panel event with students and expecting 25 people. Hoping to entice internships out of this event.
- State Bills affecting public charter schools have been quite active at the State House these past few weeks, specifically HB 563 & HB 662. ASD has actively participated with both Jenn Cava and students providing testimonies to the legislators at the State House.
- Annual Fundraising going well, 152K, working on 100% participation
- The Annual Spring Gala Auction raised \$8439
- Another successful SPARK day today.
- School website design search is on for a professional edit/update

6. Faculty and Student Affairs

- a. Faculty Report (Patricia Sockey)

1. AnDrew French: 86 Technology Student Association students from ASD, guided by their advisors AnDrew French and Rebecca LaCourse, competed with 20 state schools in STEM events at the NH TSA Spring Conference. Students worked for months learning

about STEM and perfecting research and various projects during the school year. The ASD teams had an amazing 116 winners in 52 categories, including sweeping 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes in 7 different competitions! The Middle School team won a new 3D printer for being the best performing chapter in the state. In addition to the wins received in the competition, AnDrew French received the New Hampshire TSA State Advisor of the Year Award, 10th grader Justin Yeung was awarded the TSA Bronze Service Award, and was elected as the new TSA secretary for the state of New Hampshire. The team will compete at the National TSA Conference June 28th - July 2nd 2015 in Dallas, Texas

2. 8th grade American History Field Trip: Minute Man National Historic Park, April 1
3. NH Science Olympiad, St Anselm College, March 28: 22 ASD high school students participated in 18 events, 2 teams came in 1st place, 1 team came in 2nd place and 3 teams came in 3rd place. Congratulations to the entire Science Olympiad Team and coaches Mr. MacMahon and ASD graduate Noorie !!
4. Kathleen Barlow says thanks so much for your support of her trip – she cannot believe its only 2 weeks away.

b. Student Body Report (Carolyn Marquis)

1. Student requesting a Spanish IV class for the curriculum.
Jenn Cava has met with Senior discussing interest and budget for this request.
2. Senior NH Scholars looking at celebratory Boston event vs what has become a less stellar event held at Fisher Cats stadium/game, versus the events previously held at the NH State House.
3. Game Night - Approx 117 Students attended a very fun evening out
4. Student Council presented a check for \$1,500 in donation to ASD, raised at the lock in event, teacher sponsor - Patricia Sockey.

7. Committee Reports

a. Finance (David Alukonis) nothing to report

b. Outreach (Matt Southerton)

1. ASD students and Director, Jenn Cava presented testimony for the property tax bill. Matt Southerton felt their testimony “humanized” ASD at the State level..
2. Hearing went well this week but the outcome of these bills will not be realized until June. State. David Alukonis does not anticipate that the tax bill as it is written will make it.
3. To cover our basis, Heather MacDonald recommended the paperwork that has been prepared for the tax abatement be submitted to the City of Nashua. Matt Southerton will submit it as it is due in within the month.

c. Personnel (Kim Lavallee) Personnel will be bringing the Director contract recommendations to the June meeting and is reviewing the required policies that need to be brought forward to the board.

d. Policy (Greg Czuba- not avail this evening)

Heather MacDonald is covering for Greg Czuba.

1. JRA – Student Records and Access (second/final reading)

Thomas Frischknecht made a motion to approve JRA - Student Records and Access, 2nd by Dr. Karen Graham, all in favor, so moved.

2. The Policy Committee is currently working on the following policies

- a. BBB-School Board Member Selection (Amended) should be complete for May Board meeting (1st

reading).

- b. IHBI-Alternative Learning Plans is in process.
- c. IHBAR-Procedural Safeguards For Children With Disabilities was determined to be the responsibility of the home District and NA for ASD.
- d. KED-Facilities or Services Grievance Procedure is in process.
- e. JLCD-Administering Medication to Students will be revisited in July when expected new guidelines will be available.
- f. Reviewing the Conflict of Interest Policy to determine if, as written, it accounts for the unique differences between traditional public school and public charter schools.

e. Strategic Planning (Brian Smith)

Brian Smith reports their session for long-term sustainability, part 3, has resulted in a spreadsheet which will be emailed to the Board within the next few weeks. This spreadsheet, along with a number of votes granted per Board member, will be an exercise that will give a weighted value to each topic so the committee can deduct the express interest the Board has on the topics presented and this will allow the committee to see where the Board feels their efforts would be best directed.

8. Board Chairman (Brian Smith)

Brian Smith reports announcements have gone out to the ASD community asking for interest in filling the 3 Parent Board member openings. One response has been received to date. Another announcement will go out this Friday along with a reminder in the ASD Weekly Bulletin to continue the search for interest in these openings. The response deadline is April 17th.

Jennifer Cava announced the school musical, The Little Mermaid, Jr., will be showcased for 4 performances this weekend at ASD. Friday 7pm, Sat 2:30 & 7pm and Sunday 1:30pm. Approximately 40 students are involved in this production.

9. Next Meeting

- a. Wed, May 13, 2015, at 6:30pm
- b. Agenda items
 1. GBED: Tobacco
 2. BBB: School Board Member Selection

Kim Lavalley made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm 2nd by Shiby Thomas. so moved.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Bobbitt
Secretary