

Arcadia Charter School
Approved School Board Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2021

Iterate and innovate our educational approach

- Realize more fully the potential of projects and core classes to enhance each other and support each student's personal learning.
- Adapt our educational approach to remain innovative in a shifting educational landscape and rapidly changing global future.

Articulate and share our unique identity

- Create shared vision within the school community about what makes Arcadia unique.
- Increase broader community awareness of what makes Arcadia unique.

Support engaged and fulfilled staff

- Prioritize the social, emotional, and intellectual health of staff by increasing resources and access to opportunities.
- Continue to develop and strengthen the systems that support day-to-day operations.

Strengthen our financial sustainability

- Diversify revenue to provide greater financial stability for the program and to support staff development and retention.
- Secure ownership of the building.

It is the mission of Arcadia Charter School to prepare our students to transition intellectually, emotionally and ethically to higher education and future employment.

1. Call meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Verify Quorum - Present are Kathleen, Barb, Tami, Tammy, Melanie, Troy, Kirsten, Laura and Tamra are present.
3. Approve Agenda - Barb made a motion to approve the agenda. Tami seconded, approved.
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. June 8, 2021 minutes - Tammy made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Kirsten seconded, approved.
5. Speaker's Corner - - This is an opportunity for community members to address the Arcadia School Board on subjects related to the school. Please limit comments to three minutes. Thank you.
6. Reports:
 - a. [Finance Report](#) - Tammy reported our budget was really close to projection and we are in good shape financially. See the finance report notes for further details.
 - b. [Education Report](#) - Laura reported that a meeting is scheduled for September.
 - c. Facilities Report - Barb, Melanie and Troy are currently on this committee. No report.
 - d. [Marketing Report](#) - No report.
 - e. [Director's Report](#) - Projected enrollment of at least 122 for the start of the year. Our budget is for 123 so we are in good shape financially. Some alumni will come in to work on social contract and what PBL means to them. This will be part of the civics curriculum. Several staff were hired over the summer. Another special ed teacher would be helpful. The final PPP loan

paperwork is almost ready to be submitted. A new storage space is being rented for the start of the school year.

7. New Business

- a. Discussion of Board Goals - Start the process of revising our strategic priorities. The last update was for 2018-2021 and so is in need of updating. Discussion started and will continue at the next meeting.
 - b. Board Committees -
 - Finance - Barb, Tammy, Melanie
 - Facilities - Barb, Troy, Kathleen
 - Marketing - Kirsten, (Rachel? Will confirm with her later.)
 - Policy - Barb and Kathleen will look into finding a good solution for having our policies looked at by a legal professional.
 - Education - Tami, Barb, Tamra, Kirsten, (Rachel? Will confirm with her later.)
 - c. Employee Handbook - Reviewed by the board
 - d. Participation/funding for MN Principals Academy - The director has \$1000 per year for professional development. A program of \$1700 a year for two years is available that Laura would like to attend. Barb made a motion that Arcadia approve \$700 per year, for two years, for **Laura Stelter** to participate in the MN Principals Academy. Kathleen seconded, approved.
 - e. Accepting Fessler donation. Barb made a motion to accept a \$15,000 donation on behalf of James Fessler. Tami seconded, approved.
 - f. Policy Review
 - i. 209 Code of Ethics - Reviewed but needs to be tweaked by policy committee.
 - ii. 531 Pledge of Allegiance - Arcadia Charter School has waived the requirement to recite the pledge of allegiance. - Reviewed
 - iii. 524-2 Use of Technology and Telecommunications Systems by Students - Reviewed
 - g. Announcements
 - h. Next Board meeting September 21, 2021.
8. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn made by Tami, seconded by Kathleen, approved at 9:16 pm.