

STATE OF THE SCHOOL April 2024



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Staff Years of Service Recognitions Celebrations to be held at Year-end Staff breakfast

1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
 Alex Busse Anne DeFino Sarah Delevoryas Jennifer Pyles-Gaitan Jennifer Roach Cynthia Rundquist 	 Mike Couture Jason Gray Lucas Heter Scott Hofer Alicia Ingram David Janociak Jennifer Kuttig Kathy Lunn Tonya Oakes Barbara Siles 	 Eric Howe Sarah Spletzer Holly Spriggs Kristen White Corrie Wilson
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Staff Members of the Year

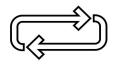
- ★ Office Support Staff Person of the Year: Noelia Clingman
- ★ Facilities Support Staff Person: Ed Love
- Classified/Paraprofessional Staff Person of the Year: Rhiannon Wolgram
- ★ Learning Services Staff Person of the Year: Nicole Schryver
- **★** Secondary Certified Teacher of the Year: Jessica McVeigh
- **★** Secondary New Teacher of the Year: **Brandon Spears**
- **★** Elementary Certified Teacher of the Year: **Kailee Godinez**
- Elementary New Teacher of the Year: Sarah Delevoryas
- Leader who has demonstrated commitment to Stargate's Mission & Vision: Karen Wolfer
- Leader who most exemplifies the Spirit of Stargate: **Robin Greene**



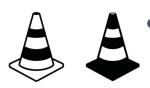
More Staff Recognitions



 Happy retirement to Kate Sivarajah! Thank you for all of your contributions to Stargate!



Thank you to Lynne Whitney, Doug Ryan, and the Stargate
 Foundation for completing the elementary loop!



• Thank you to Wayne Granger for implementing significant improvements to our traffic flow and lunch operations!



Commemorating Our Volunteers

- ★ Becky Hofer
- ★ Katherine Horne
- ★ Brad Pippert
- ★ Tami Pippert
- ★ Brad Schoenfeld
- ★ Kelly Schoenfeld
- ★ Elizabeth Williams



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Stargate HS State of the School

Spring 2024



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National Student Council Gold Council of Excellence



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GOLD COUNCILS

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- BROOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
- CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

- DURANGO HIGH SCHOOL
- EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY FOUNTAIN-FORT CARSON HIGH SCHOOL
- HIGHLANDS RANCH HIGH SCHOOL
- HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL
- LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL
- LEWIS PALMER HIGH SCHOOL

- LOVELAND HIGH SCHOOL
- MANITOU SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
- MOUNTAIN RANGE HIGH SCHOOL
- PEAK TO PEAK CHARTER SCHOOL
- RIVERDALE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
- STARGATE CHARTER SCHOOL
- WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL

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Looking Forward







My Future Plans







Community Relations & Communications



★ Website & Marketing
 ★ Community Events
 ★ Fundraising
 ★ 24-25 Planning

Community Relations & Communications

- CRC
- Winterfest 5K
- Fundraising
- Website June 2024
- Marketing Efforts (Adams County Video; CO Parent Online Magazine; Adams 12 Mailings to 8th and Pre-K)
- 2024-2025 Planning

CRC

Eagle Fest '23 Multi-Cultural Fest Elementary "Someone Special" Dance Teacher Conference Meals Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10) 2024-2025 Planning











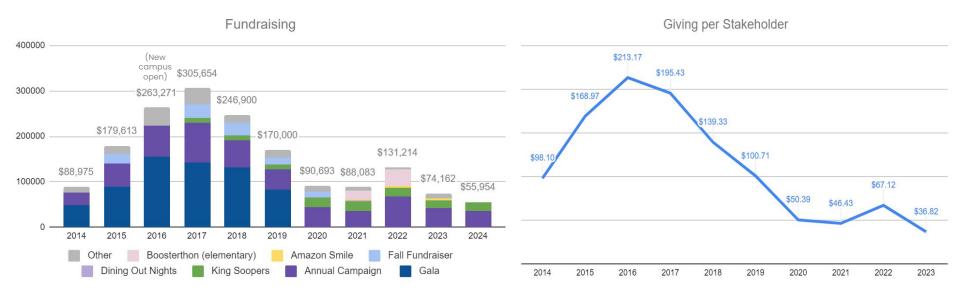








Fundraising Snapshot



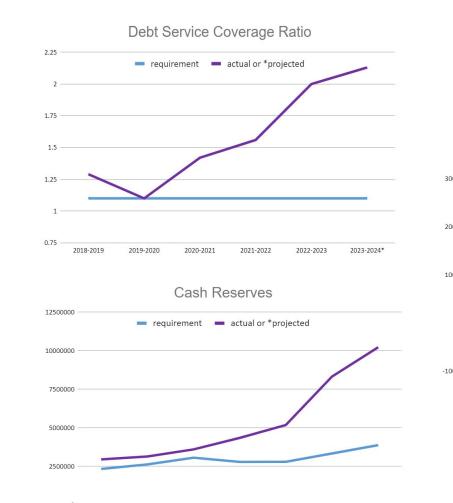
Additional fundraising activities of note

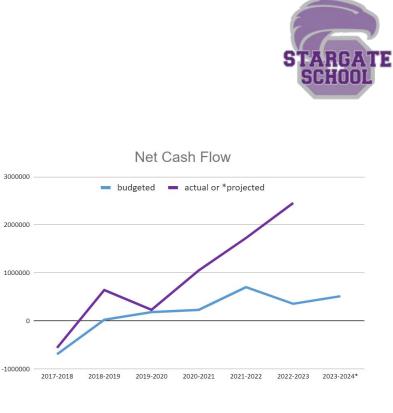
- Dining Out Nights (Funds managed by HS Student Government)
- Winterfest 5K (Event to benefit for K-12 Running Programs)

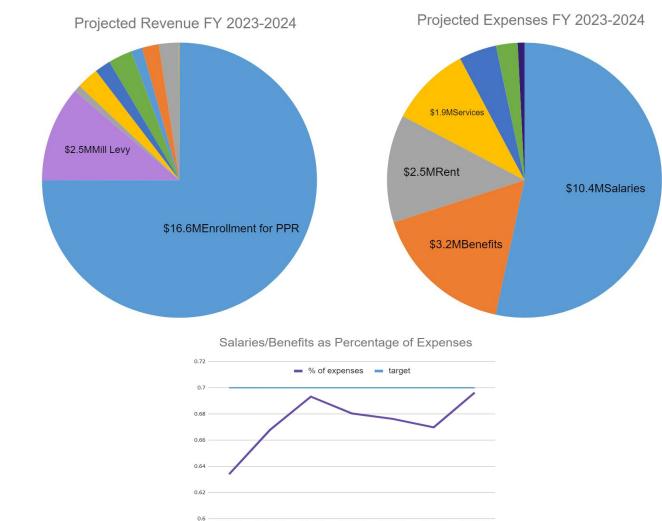


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STARGATE



State of the School Parent Survey Results & SAC Recommendations

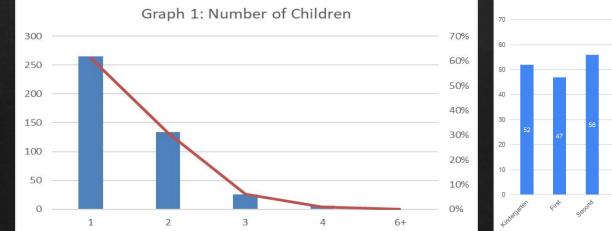
April 10, 2024

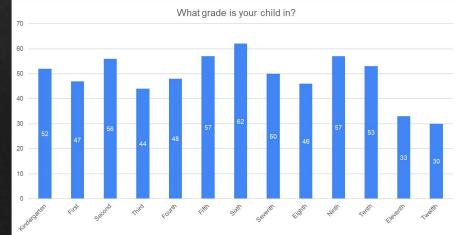
Survey Methodology

- Survey Design:
 - 5 Point Scale vs 4 Point Scale (up to last year)
 - Neither agree or disagree option This influences the mean scores.
- Response Rate:
- ✤ Survey Start Date:
- Survey Completion Date:

21% (432 out of 2073) January 22nd, 2024 February 2nd, 2024

Participant Demographics





Summary of Survey Results

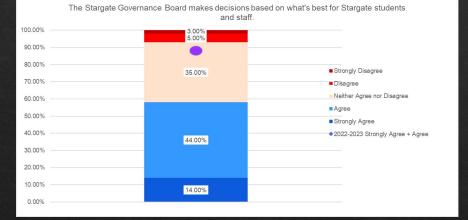
- Survey participation rate increased
 - 2021-2022 = 415; 2022-2023 = 392; 2023-2024 = 432
- Among the 11 General multiple-choice items with 5-point scale
 - 6 received 75% Strongly Agree + Agree or better
 - 10 received 50% Strongly Agree + Agree or better
 - Comparison from last year:
 - All improved, year over year if we add Neutral (Neither agree or disagree)
 - All declined, year over year if we do not add Neutral (Neither agree or disagree)

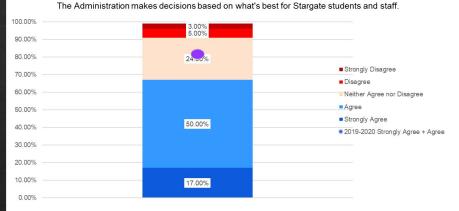
Summary of Governance, Administration, and School Operations

Decision-making

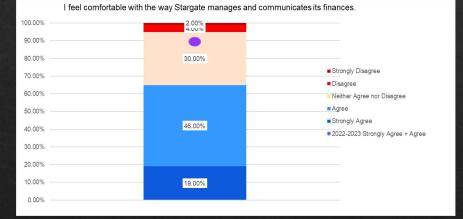
- 58% Agree or Strongly Agree that decisions made by the Governance Board are in the best interest of students and staff (35% Neither agree nor disagree)
- 68% Agree or Strongly Agree that decisions made by the Administration are in the best interests of students and staff (24% Neither agree nor disagree)
- **Communication and Information Availability**
 - 65% feel comfortable with the way Stargate manages and communicates its finances
 - 70% of parents feel adequately informed about school programs and activities
- Calendar Preferences
 - 47% of parents prefer that the school annual calendar be modeled after the district calendar
 - 78% of parents prefer one full day off per month professional development (vs short days)
- □ 81% of parents agree that safety policies and implementation support safe learning environment
- □ 86% of parents are willing to recommend Stargate to friend or family

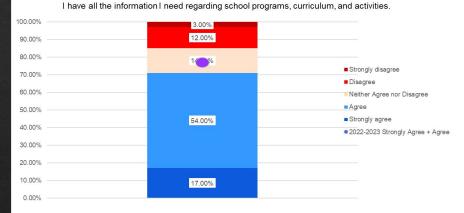
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Communication and Information Availability





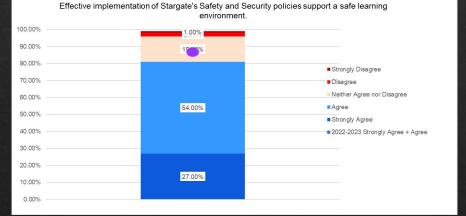
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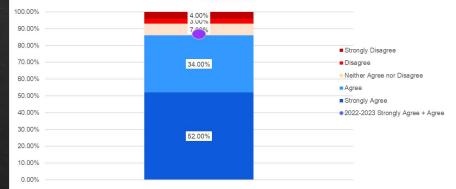
breaks) be modeled after the district's annual calendar. 100.00% 4.00% 11.00% 90.00% 80.00% Strongly disagree 70.00% Disagree 39.00% Neither Agree nor Disagree 60.00% Agree 50.00% Strongly agree 40.00% • 2022-2023 Strongly Agree + Agree 27.00% 30.00% 20.00% 10.00% 19.00% 0.00%

I prefer that the school's annual calendar (e.g., Wednesday schedule, start/end dates, extended



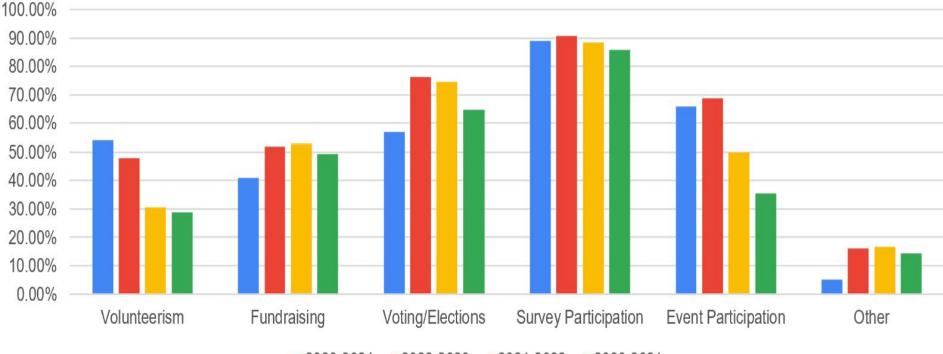
Safety and Recommend Stargate





I would recommend Stargate to a friend of family member seeking a school for their gifted child/chlidren.

Over the past year, I have contributed to the success of Stargate in the following ways (select all that apply):



■ 2023-2024 ■ 2022-2023 ■ 2021-2022 ■ 2020-2021

What Do I Love About Stargate

- □ Caring, invested, supportive **STAFF** (72 comments)
- Challenging academics: acceleration, advanced courses, differentiation (50 comments)
- Our new **Administration** and their efforts this year (24 comments)
- □ **Kids are happy** going to school (19 comments)
- □ Sense of **community** and invested parents (19 comments)
- **Diversity** of community and focus on inclusion (17 comments)

SAC observations from parent comments: areas for improvement

- □ Staff Retention and Academic Support
- Requests for foreign language in Elementary (Spanish)
- □ More extracurricular activities for kids at all grades
- Enhancing communication and information availability
- □ Technology concerns (phone usage)
- □ Social and Emotional Learning
- Diverse preferences regarding the school calendar

Detailed Grade-Level results will be posted to the Data Dashboard and shared with the community

Data Dashboard & Strategic Plan



Strategic Plan & Key Performance Indicators

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Community Surveys & Annual Stakeholder Updates



Stargate School

... inspiring success in the hearts and minds of gifted children since 1994

Thanks



Other Board Committee Updates

	Elections	Finance	Fundraising Allocation	Recruiting	School Accountability
Description of Key Committee Deliverables	Election process, timeline, execution, and reporting of results	Oversight of: Annual Audit, Tax Compliance Annual Budget, Risk Manageme	Applications	Candidate Pipeline, Candidate Applications, Candidate Forums	Community Survey Reporting, Unified Improvement Plan, Key Performance Indicators Reporting
2023-2024 Highlights	Spring Election for Board seats coming up in May 2024 (No Fall 2023 Election)	Audit complete with no materia findings; 24-25 Budget reviewed	 \$65,000 Robotics \$10,000 After Prom \$2,500 Ugee M708 Drawing Tablets Classroom supplies allocated through principal funds 	Filled open SAC seats; Recruiting underway for Parent and Independent Board seats + Board Committees	UIP submitted, KPI reports generated, Parent and Staff surveys completed by third party
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Data Dashboard Updates

- 2023 Testing Data
- 2023-2024 Enrollment & Demographic Data
- Spring 2024 Financial Snapshot
- Spring 2024 Fundraising Snapshot
- 9/30/23 and 12/31/23 KPI Reports
- 2023-2024 Parent Survey Data coming soon!

Data Dashboard & Strategic Plan





Strategic Plan & Key Performance Indicators

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Revisiting the Relmagine Recommendations

Starting Point

For these reasons, we recommend that the first step Stargate School takes is to collaboratively revisit the vision, mission statement, and core values to ensure all stakeholders understand these values statements and how their work supports them.



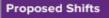
Prioritized Recommendations

These targeted shifts are specific

tasks that Stargate can prioritize in order to move towards the adaptive changes that need to

take place within the culture at Stargate.

1. Clarify Stargate Stakeholder Roles





2. Create Shared Decision-Making Model



3. Facilitate Team

Greater transparency from organizations – in the form of greater disclosure.

clarity, and

accuracy - will

facilitate higher stakeholder trust in the organization

Trust is a key component in the development of a positive school climate.

CORE

MINDSETS

Activating New Mindsets



Beginning at the STARTING POINT offered above, Stargate has a clear set of tasks that should be done in creating a solid foundation for repairing climate and culture. The priorities outlined are grounded in the following mindsets that we believe will serve as the foundation upon which Stargate can build moving forward.



Relmagine: Progress Update

Changes Implemented

- Send consistent and complete communications via StarNews, Board Update, and Staff Connection Newsletters
- Hold Coffee Chats and other events to regularly
 engage with stakeholders
- On-board new leadership, including Executive Director of Academics, Executive Director of Operations, Elementary Principal, Director of Gifted Curriculum, and Director of HR
- Communicate team-based priorities ("What are You For?")
- Design team-building into Staff Kickoff event
- Plan for **collaborative department time** and team-building in each PD Day
- Establish staff system for sharing **positive feedback** of peers ("Stargate Shout-Outs")

In Progress

- Clearly **communicate the Board role** to Stakeholders
- Define the desired "Stargate Family Member" role
- Evaluate any updates needed to Mission/Vision
- Evaluate any changes needed related to **Board** Composition (bylaws)
- Review Parent and Admin feedback related to the Board modeling trust, transparency, and empowerment of the staff and team
- Review Staff feedback related to creating a sense of safety and trust for all
- Continue to refine **Decision Making Matrices** for both Admin/Staff and within Departments
- Utilize **staff committees** to support decision-making and to help staff feel more engaged and invested



Mission & Vision Review: Community members included in process

- Initial staff pre-survey
- Board discussion at Strategic Planning Session
- Community survey:
 - Sent to all staff K-12, high school students, and parents
 - 245 respondents (59% parents, 27% students, 12% staff)
- Community focus group:
 - Invited Community Survey respondents who expressed interest in focus group
 - 14 participants including 1 Admin, 1 Staff, 6 Board Members, 6 parents
- Administrator focus group:
 - 7 members of Core Administrative team

Next Steps



Core team will draft changes to statements; Community will have opportunity to vote on changes



Proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws





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Examples of Changes

- Additional clarity for membership definitions
- Board composition
- Simplify election timelines
- SAC membership determined by SAC charter
- Officers not required to be Board members



Proposed Amendments to Bylaws: Introduction, Articles II and III

New: Introduction	Section 2.1 Principal Office	Section 3.1 Purpose	New Section 3.2
Description of Bylaws and authorization under Nonprofit Act and Charter Act	Define principal office by current address and authorized change in address without a change in Bylaws	Authorize charter contract with district or other charter school authorizer. Add legal references, names. Remove "identified" because incoming students qualify for admission but may not yet by formally identified as gifted	Add mission and vision to Bylaws
Board	Board	Members	Board
Text from 3.1 Purpo		pration is to operate a charter school or intellectually gifted and talented st	



Section 4.1 Members: Parent Member Definition	Section 4.1 Members: Staff Member Definition	NEW Section 4.2 Meetings of Members	NEW Section 4.3 Voting Rights
Clarification to terms of parent - become member when child is enrolled and <i>attending</i> , ends when no longer enrolled	Clarification for classes of staff members classified as members for purposes of voting and any other rights granted to members in the bylaws	New section detailing rights of members to call a meeting	New section detailing voting rights, especially the rights of members to vote at member meetings
Members	Members	Board (new section) Will require member vote for future changes	Board (new section) Will require member vote for future changes



New: Section 5.1 Governance Board	Section 5.2 (formerly 5.1) Board Responsibilities	Section 5.2.1 :(formerly 5.1.1) Specific Duties of the Board	Section 5.2.3 (formerly 5.1.3) Responsibilities of the Executive Director(s)
Board description added (business and affairs managed by Governance Board except as otherwise provided in Nonprofit Act)	Board determines educational philosophy (rather than character). Board acts through Officers upon Board approval	Updated duties to more accurately reflect the Board's role	Duties are described in job description as established and modified front time to time
Board	Board	Board	Board



Section 5.3 (formerly 5.2) Number, Qualifications and Tenure	Section 5.3.1 (formerly 5.2.1) Parent Director	Section 5.3.2 (formerly 5.2.2) Independent Director	Section 5.3.3 (formerly 5.2.3 Staff) Executive Director(s)
Board shall have at least 5 and no more than 9 Directors, consisting of Parent Directors and up to 4 Independents. Parent Director majority. Any employee may not be a Director.	Remove language that is now clarified in 5.3 ("A Staff Member, even if a Parent Member, may not be a Parent Director")	Board provides notice to community of search and eligibility criteria as determined by Board policy or resolution, align terms, address vacancy	Executive Directors report to Board and attend Board meetings (remove Staff Member serving in advisory capacity)
Members	Members	Members	Members



Section 5.3.6 (formerly 5.2.6) Director Disqualification	Section 5.2.7 Parent Director Nominations	Section 5.3.7 (formerly 5.2.8) Director Elections	Section 5.3.8 (formerly 5.3) Vacancies
Add additional qualifier for disqualification: "or does not agree to or uphold the Board policies and handbook, any Board code of conduct, or the mission and vision."	Remove section as process to be set forth in election policy	Simplify timelines, address timelines and procedures in election policy, stagger terms, and prohibit cumulative voting. Board members begin term at meeting following election	Specify vacancies for Parent Members, appointment will be made at regular or special meeting, and filled until next elected member begins. Also remove emergency terms addressed in 10.3h
Members	Board	Members	Members



Section 5.4 Regular Meetings	Section 5.5 Special Meetings	Section 5.5.1 (formerly 5.4.1 Presentation Meetings) Annual Update to Members	Section 5.6 Open Meetings
Regularly scheduled meetings established by Board-adopted calendar require no other notice to Directors	Content addressed in new Section 4.2 removed	Provides flexibility for content and timing of State of the School presentation, allows possibility of combining the two annual member meetings into one	Expand definition of open meetings to include workshops and portions of meetings as being open to the public
Members	Members	Members	Board



Section 5.7 Notice to Directors	Section 5.7.2 Content of Notice	Section 5.8 Quorum	Section 5.9 Manner of Acting
Decrease notification requirement from 3 days to 2, or 24 hours in case of emergency. Remove instructions for notice by mail. Other specifics covered in Section 10.4	A majority consent of Directors can authorize additional items to meetings rather than unanimous.	Ensure that a quorum consists of a Parent Director majority	Clarifying legal language regarding approval of majority being an act of the Board
Board	Board	Members	Members



Section 5.10 Compensation	Section 5.12 Committees	Section 5.12.1 School Accountability Committee (SAC)	Section 5.12.2 Elected Committee Vacancies
No reimbursement for attendance at meetings	Change SAC from elected to standing committee. This allows determination of membership to be defined in the SAC charter (elected, appointed, nominated, etc). Add descriptions for committee charters	Change description of SAC to align with statutorial definition, remove SAC "shall be elected by the Members" to allow flexibility for determination of membership (to be defined in SAC charter)	Remove pending changes to Section 5.12
Board	Members	Members	Members



Section 5.14.2 Disclosure of Confidential Information	Section 5.15.7 Annual Statements	Section 5.15.8 Periodic Review of Agreements
Standardize legal references	Standardize legal references	Change "annual review" to "periodic review as reasonably determined by the Board, but no less than every three years."
Board	Board	Members



Section 6.1 General	Section 6.2 Election and Term of Office	Section 6.3 President	Section 6.4 Vice Presidents	Section 6.4.1 (formerly 6.5.1) Record Keeping
VP not required, may include one or more VPs. Officers do not have to be a Board member. One person may not be both President and Secretary	Officer not required to be a current Board member per CRS 7-128-301	Remove "chair the Stakeholders Meeting" from duties	Vice President role defined in Board Handbook	Secretary shall be the recordkeeper of the corporation. Also Board may designate employee to act as contact for CORA
Board	Board	Board	Board	Board



Proposed Amendments to Bylaws: Articles VIII and X

Section 8.1 Limited Liability of Board Members and Officers	Section 10.1 Amendments to Bylaws and Articles	Section 10.1.1 Membership Amendments	Section 10.1.1 (formerly 10.1.2.1) Board Amendments
Add standard language for Bylaws	Add Articles of Incorporation to list of documents set for periodic review. Reduce repetitive language from other sections	Additional language for legal clarity	Require vote for new sections pertaining to Members. Update section references. Eliminate sections unnecessary for member vote as recommended by legal counsel
Board	Members	Members	Members



Section 10.1.2 (formerly 10.1.2.2) Bylaw Amendments Requiring Membership Vote	Section 10.1.3 Bylaw Amendments by Members: Process	New Section 10.1.4 Amendment of Articles	Section 10.2 Lawful Compliance
Update section references and refer to voting process as defined in 4.3.5 and 4.3.6	Increase to 15% to support petition. Address process for submitting petitioned amendments for vote of Members	Changes to Articles may be made by ² / ₃ vote of Board or in accordance with 4.3.5 or 4.3.6 if affecting rights of Members	Legal language
Board	Members	Board	Board



Section 10.3 Emergency	New Section 10.4 Notice:	New Section 10.5
Bylaws	Waiver of Notice	Definitions
Best efforts for 24	Standard legal	Standard legal
hours' notice	language	language
Board	Board	Board



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Next steps

- Direct questions to
 <u>governance@stargateschool.org</u>
- Board will conduct 2 readings of proposed amendments needing Board approval at the April and May meetings
- Amendments requiring community vote will appear on the May ballot
- Please review the <u>documents</u> provided