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Allegiance STEAM Academy

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date and Time
Monday January 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

ONSITE MEETING LOCATION:
7420 Locust Ave.
Fontana, Ca. 92336

SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS:
5862 C Street
Chino, Ca. 91710

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/97032884921

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Directors Present
M. Jones, S. Bhojani, T. Stevens

Directors Absent
S. Odo, S. Thompson

Guests Present
E. Lee, S. Cognetta

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Stevens called a meeting of the board of directors of Allegiance STEAM Academy to order on Monday Jan 13, 2025 at 5:33 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting January 13th, 2025

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting January 13th, 2025.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passes 3 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Student Celebrations

4th Grade Mission Projects
Students who shared:

Marleen Tofa - Mission San Francisco De Asis

Hudson Kogeman - Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa

Dahlia Braden - Mission San Rafael Arcangel

F. Principal Reports

ASA Chino - Mrs. Lazo

- Our hearts and thoughts are with all those impacted by the fires.
- The donation drive will continue until Thursday.
- Dismissal Procedures - Updated to account for student safety. Today was the fastest dismissal in the history of the school.
- Cross Country Meet for football with ASA Fontana on February 8th.
- 100 Days of school celebration is coming.
- Chinese New Year -Ms. Janice is finalizing plans for the Chinese New Year celebration on January 12th.
- Instruction Partners: several activities next month
- Upcoming Student-Led Conferences

ASA Fontana - Mrs. Valenta

- Thoughts are with families and staff impacted by recent events.
- Donation drive started internally on Friday and will continue until Wednesday after school.
- Plans to evaluate the best place to donate collected items, as the situation evolves daily.
- Returning from winter break highlighted the benefits of having our own campus.
- Locust students did not return until tomorrow, reinforcing the convenience of our setup.
- The Den proved invaluable during recent inclement weather, allowing after-school clubs to continue despite windy conditions.

- Continuing partnership with Instructional Partners and conducting walk-throughs on both campuses.
- Hosting the Football Event at the Fontana Campus on Saturday, February 8th.
- Ms. Elva and Ms. Janice are finalizing plans for the Chinese New Year celebration on January 12th.
- End of Trimester 2 is quickly approaching next month.
- Student-Led Conferences are a key focus as part of our academic goals.

G. PACK Reports

ASA Chino

- Restaurant of the Week - HoAloha Hawaiian BBQ
- Movie Night -Friday 5:00 & 7:00
- MS Dance 1/24

ASA Fontana

- Family fun night
- PACK meeting to be held that night. With opportunities to include the new families enrolled for next year.
- Online spirit wear will go live next month.

H. CEO Report

CEO Updates

1. LA area Fires:
    1. 5 confirmed charter schools in the LA area lost their campuses, countless lost their homes.
2. Compliance:
    1. ASA PACK Fiscal Management Training took place over the holiday break.
    2. Title IX and UCP follow-up training provided in December
3. Partnerships:
    1. The Charter Network Accelerator - (funded through Silicon Schools Fund - creates cohesion between our LCAP, Board Focus Areas, Strategic Plans)
4. Authorizers:
    1. FUSD: Notice of Violation issued: Disclosing of intra-organizational borrowing (intra-org borrowing is allowable; how its structured and reported-including in financials and annual audit reports). UCP complaint (haven't seen the complaint). Each board member's reassurance of their support for our program

2. CVUSD: Priority is ensuring repayment of the loan. Meet w/ CVUSD Sup next week to discuss our draft repayment plan
3. Implication: more proactive communication with authorizers- we are not always interpreting policy the same way

5. *Enrollment:*
    1. *Chino: 960 (958 in Nov)*
    2. *Fontana: 264; (262 in Dec); considerable wait-list in K and 6*
6. Open Enrollment 25-26 school year under way
    1. Chino: Lottery in Feb (379)
    2. Fontana: Lottery in two grade levels; offers out in all other grade levels.
7. 2025-26 Recruitment Plan continuing

*ASA Board questions: Board asks/ requests for a video to show/ share the new ASA Fontana Birch campus. (CEO reply: ASA will request from FUSD.)
Board asks date of the FUSD meeting. (CEO January 21st.)

I. Public Comments - Items not on the Agenda

II. Items Scheduled for Consent

A. Approve Minutes

M. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on 12-09-24.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passes 3 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Bhojani	Aye
S. Thompson	Absent
T. Stevens	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
M. Jones	Aye

B. Approve Minutes

T. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on 12-13-24.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passes 3 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Odo	Absent

Roll Call

S. Bhojani	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Thompson	Absent
T. Stevens	Aye

C. Approve Minutes

S. Bhojani made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on 01-06-25.
M. Jones seconded the motion.
Passes 3 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Stevens	Aye
M. Jones	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
S. Thompson	Absent
S. Bhojani	Aye

D. Approve Check Registrar

M. Jones made a motion to Approve and adopt the ASA Check Register.
S. Bhojani seconded the motion.
Passes 3 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Finance

A. FY24 Budget - ASA Chino

M. Jones made a motion to Approve and adopt the FY24 Budget - ASA Chino.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Discussion of repayment plan for ASA Fontana to ASA Chino and what that looks like.
The Board requests our back office to figure out a way to separate ASA Chino and ASA Fontana financials.
Keeping in mind, our authorizers aren't in, from the charter world. Thanking CVSD and FUSD for working with us. Transparency is key in all of this.
Passes 3 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Odo	Absent
S. Thompson	Absent
M. Jones	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye
S. Bhojani	Aye

B. FY24 Budget - ASA Fontana

S. Bhojani made a motion to Approve FY24 Budget - ASA Fontana.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passes 3 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Odo	Absent
S. Thompson	Absent

IV. Communications

A. Communications - Comments from the CEO

CEO comments
Expresses sincere gratitude for the dedication and hard work of everyone. As we move forward with two separate authorizers, continuing to foster open communication and collaboration will be paramount. We recognize the complexity of the regulatory landscape and understand the importance of consistent and transparent communication with our authorizers as we each interpret and effectively implement policies and procedures that align with each authorizer's expectations.

B. Communications - Comments from the Board of Directors

S. Bhojani - Thank you everyone! We are now in the second semester. It was a pleasure to witness the student celebrations tonight. I especially appreciate the community's outpouring of support for those impacted by the fires. Looking forward to the mid-year focus review.

M. Jones - Thank you to the students who shared their Mission projects tonight. I'm excited for the upcoming 100 Days of School celebration. I attended the Chino PACK meeting last week. Several parents expressed interest in virtual PACK meetings. Would like to look into online platforms to support this. The recent fires have been a difficult time for our community. My thoughts are with those affected. We are committed to supporting our students and families during this challenging period. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is approaching soon, a favorite. The added bonus of a day off is certainly welcome.

T. Stevens - Our thoughts and prayers are with all those impacted by the recent fires. We extend our deepest sympathies to those who have suffered losses, not only of property but also the profound impact on their lives. Thank you to the students who shared their Mission projects tonight. I appreciate everyone's dedication to transparency and their hard work in seeking answers and finding solutions. I'd like to address technological initiatives: recording all school meetings, including Coffee with Community, Board Meetings, and PACK meetings, and posting them on our website. This will enhance

information sharing and encourage greater community participation. We also need to prioritize enhanced technology support. I believe we can leverage the existing technology we've already invested in to effectively showcase student successes and the incredible work happening at ASA. We should explore ways to utilize this equipment or find creative solutions to achieve this goal.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

S. Bhojani made a motion to Adjourn Meeting.
T. Stevens seconded the motion.
Passes 3 - 0
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
M. Jones	Aye
S. Odo	Absent
S. Thompson	Absent
S. Bhojani	Aye
T. Stevens	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Lee

Documents used during the meeting

- November 2024 -ASA-Board Summary (2).pdf
- November 2024 -ASA-Board Summary (2).pdf
- November 2024 -ASA-Board Summary (2).pdf
