

The Academy of Alameda Charter School Board

Special Board Meeting

Identity Sentence

Date and Time

Thursday October 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM PDT

Location

The Academy of Alameda
401 Pacific Ave
Alameda, CA 94501
Room 203

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:00 PM
A. Call the Meeting to Order	Discuss	David Forbes	1 m
B. Record Attendance		Christine Chilcott	2 m
C. Public Session		David Forbes	2 m
Public Comment is limited to two (2) minutes per person			
II. Open Session			6:05 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. The Board Reviews The Academy of Alameda's Mission and Envisioned Future Statements Mission: The Academy of Alameda equitably develops students into critical thinkers and life-long learners who navigate the world with integrity, and who apply their learning to empower themselves and their communities. Envisioned Future: We envision a future where all of our students are successful, and their destinies are not determined by their demographics.	FYI	David Forbes	2 m
B. Identity Discussion Ongoing conversation from the September board meeting and August board retreat	Discuss	David Forbes	53 m
III. Closing Items			7:00 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	FYI	David Forbes	

Coversheet

Identity Discussion

Section:	II. Open Session
Item:	B. Identity Discussion
Purpose:	Discuss
Submitted by:	
Related Material:	Part 2 Identity Sentence Presentation Review 10.9.25.pdf



AoA Identity Presentation and Discussion - Part 2

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Purpose

- At our August 18 retreat, we discussed how to describe AoA's identity in a sentence or two. As a group, we repeatedly came up with sentences that were so general they could apply to any school.
- The OLT was tasked with coming up with sentences more reflective of AoA's social justice focused approach as a school to present at the September board meeting.
- The board was split on being okay with or highly turned off with the presented sentences and a sentence last presented at the board retreat that again, was too general and not AoA specific.

Purpose cont.

- An Identity Sentence Workshop Group was created to work on a new sentence to present to the board
- The group met on Friday, October 3 and came up with a sentence that spoke to something AoA does to some degree in some of the lower grades (Community Service) and could consider doing as school-wide, grade level projects that set us apart from other schools.

Brainstormed Identity Sentence Options

- Option 1:

At the Academy of Alameda, students deepen their academic knowledge as they broaden their view of the world and learn to be effective contributors to society through community service and engagement

- Option 2:

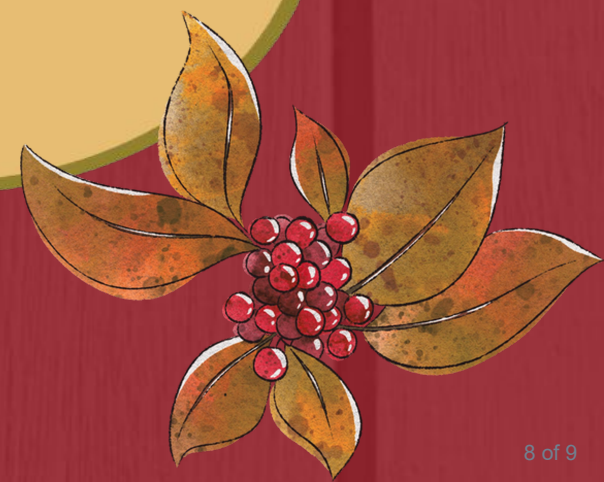
The Academy of Alameda is a community service and engagement school where students deepen their academic knowledge as they broaden their view of the world and learn to be effective contributors to society

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Board Member Feedback

- **Amy Price Feedback:**
 - Based on AoA's lack of current active community service as part of its school-wide programming, this rewrite below may be closer to capturing the work AoA does to engage and meet the community's needs presently:

'The Academy of Alameda is a diverse and engaging public school with a supportive community where students deepen their academic knowledge as they broaden their worldview and learn to effectively contribute to society.'



Recommendation

ED and Principal Recommendation

- **Do not move forward with additional work or voting on the Identity Sentence at this time.**
- **Work on creating a plan for board members to spend time in classrooms observing teachers and work with school leadership to plan a discussion(s) with staff on school identity**
- **How to increase AoA outreach and enrollment for 26-27**