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Stargate School

Minutes

Governance Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Location
Secondary Library

Directors Present
B. Paul, K. Lindgren, L. Challa, L. Griffin, L. Hosfelt, L. Paquette, M. Faulkner, S. Howorko

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
1 Community Members, 1 Community Members (remote), M. Anderson, R. Greene, Sheila Mischke

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Paquette called a meeting of the board of directors of Stargate School to order on Wednesday Apr 9, 2025 at 7:17 PM.

B. Roll Call

C. Reading of Stargate Mission

D. Recognitions and Appreciations

Lisa H - Danielle Fox for her countless hours getting the Board recruiting season going.
Lindsey - Ms. Ingraham for sending each child home with an individualized note before leaving for maternity leave.
Samantha - Cynthia Rundquist for presenting the Panorama survey results last month.
Everyone who prepared State of School, especially Student Council presenters.
Bibi - Joe and Christy at the front desk for their friendly greetings and for always smiling even when very busy.
Lisa Hosfelt and Lisa Griffin for their work on the Bylaws.
Lisa G - Mukesh Jha for finding a way to make something happen and organizing a high school cricket group.
All staff members for helping kids shine and receiving so many achievements and national recognitions.
Lumakar - All who worked on State of the School, including Lindsey Paquette, SAC members and Lisa H and Lisa G for the Bylaws presentation.
Meryl - All staff who lead clubs and allow students to lead and initiate.
Karla - Wendy Jensen for hosting the CommunityU event, being a great resource, and putting together take home kits.

E. Board News and Events

Lisa G - elementary variety show and high school volleyball game
Lindsey - elementary variety show

II. Approve Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve Consent Agenda

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
B. Paul seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Minutes for Governance Board Meeting held March 20, 2025

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Board Meeting on 03-20-25.
B. Paul seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. School Operations

A. Executive Director of Academics Report

Ms. Whitney presented a financial update, including an update on the state budget. Stargate's financial situation is secure, and staffing levels will not be impacted by the state budget changes.

Underwriters have been communicating with district to determine final needs for financing. Stargate has asked for a resolution from the district Board to provide timelines and amounts for financing. Without finalized timelines, the school may need to wait to begin construction until the money is in hand. The school would assume risk of accruing additional interest if the district extends the release of the 2nd and 3rd tranche. The district Board is meeting tonight and may have more defined terms for the release of additional tranches.

Dr. Greene provided an update on academics and operations. See the Executive Director report attached.

Next year, 5th and 6th graders will receive school-issued Chromebooks The rollout for future grades is planned and has been approved by the Finance Committee. A policy will be developed to guide fees for damage or replacement.

Social media will be blocked in the school beginning next week. Administration is evaluating a new cell phone policy for high school based on feedback from surveys and staff.

Dr. Greene has been meeting with teaching teams regarding their concerns and how to address them.

IV. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

No public comment.

B. Public Comment Response

V. Committee Reports

A. Written Committee Reports

B. Elections: Board and Bylaws Election Plan

See Election Committee report attached.

VI. Action Items

A. Bond Financing if ready

S. Howorko made a motion to appoint Samantha Howorko and Karla Lindgren to be involved in financial discussions with the district.
K. Lindgren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. 1.22 Governance Workspace Management Policy - First Reading

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the First Reading of Policy 1.22 Governance Workspace Management Policy.
S. Howorko seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Board On Track Contract Renewal

The Board discussed the benefits of BoardOnTrack. The Board will reach out to BoardOnTrack to determine if other renewal packages are available.

D. Election funding for SimplyVoting

L. Griffin made a motion to approve expenditure of up to $1,200 for SimplyVoting for the spring 2025 Board election.
L. Challa seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Bond Financing Update

No additional discussion.

B. Strategic Plan Tracking

Updates will be made to the tracking spreadsheet.

C. Finalize Proposed Bylaw Amendments for Ballot

For the ballot, questions will be separated by section (3, 4, 5.3, 5.4-5.5, 5.8-5.9, 5.12, 7, 10).

Questions on the ballot will appear as "Do you vote FOR or AGAINST all of the amendments requiring membership vote in Article ___ of the Bylaws of Stargate School?"

A one-page summary will be prepared to be shared with staff and community via email, Monday folders, and other methods.

To increase election participation, the Board will introduce a drawing for gift cards. Members will submit printed proof of participation to the front desk for a drawing.
K. Lindgren made a motion to approve Bylaw ballot questions as discussed.

M. Faulkner seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Future Planning

A. Next Board Meeting Agenda and Board Packet

Discussed May agenda

B. Next Admin Sync Meeting

Samantha and Meryl will attend in May.

C. Upcoming Events

Candidate Forum May 6th

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Hosfelt

Documents used during the meeting

- EDA Report April 2025.docx
- Election Committee Report to Board 4.9.2025.pdf
- BoardOnTrack - Stargate School - Renewal 2025-2026.pdf
- 2025 Proposed Bylaw Amendments with Rationale.pdf
- Proposed Amendments to Amended and Restated Stargate Bylaws_ Membership Vote 2025.pdf
- Summary of 2025 Proposed Bylaw Amendments for ballot.pdf