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## Stargate School

### Minutes

#### Board Business Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Monday August 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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**Directors Present**

B. Paul, H. Sonnenahalli (remote), J. Painz, K. Lindgren, L. Challa, L. Paquette, L. Steele, S. Howorko

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

H. Sonnenahalli

**Directors who left before the meeting adjourned**

H. Sonnenahalli

**Guests Present**

M. Anderson, R. Greene, Sheila Mischke

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**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 Monday Aug 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

**B. Roll Call**

**C. Reading of Stargate Mission**

**D. Recognitions and Appreciations**

- RG gives a shout-out to the Yearbook award!
- SH recognizes Maggie for the grant that we were awarded
- LS recognizes staff at pick up and drop off
- LC USNews #4 in the state
- BP thanks Richard for all his support
- LP thanks the Election and Recruiting Committees
- LP shouts out the CRC for Eagle Fest

**II. Approve Consent Agenda Items**

**A. Approve Consent Agenda**

L. Paquette made a motion to Approve the consent agenda.

L. Challa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B. Minutes from Governance Board Meeting July 24, 2025**

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Board Meeting on 07-24-25.

L. Challa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**III. School Operations**

**A. Executive Director Academics Report**

RG asks for any questions

- LC is UIP ready? Will be ready for SAC meeting
- BP Q re: MLO; discussion regarding the MLO request from Adams12 and how we will be proceeding
- KL has a question re: enrollment, losing kids on K and G1, students leaving because of no space on Eagles Landing
- SH questions when we are getting CMAS #s, we will get the #s this week or next, feeling good about CMAS #s
- LC asks if our school is a center for SAT? Not in the fall.

**B. Finance Update**

SM presents the finance update:

- LP asked about days cash on hand, ok at 153, should always stay below 160.
- LP asked about special session, nothing to flag

#### **IV. Public Comment**

##### **A. Public Comment**

No community member signed up for public comments.

##### **B. Public Comment Response**

N/A

#### **V. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Written Committee Reports**

No written committee reports sent.

##### **B. Elections Committee Update**

Tien Tong presents Elections Committee update

- SimplyVoting - need the budget approval; also the QR code has to be general OR QR code PER voter, we could send Paper Ballots vs an email; we could use AI to take care of that; SH, Richard, Tien talk to Simply Voting
- Gift card, promoted too late last time, 2 \$50 gift cards, or classroom awards for students, incentives per classroom. RG will discuss logistically with the incentives, Danielle, SH, and Jess will support.

##### **C. Recruiting Committee Update**

Danielle Fox discusses the August Board Memo for the Recruiting Committee

- Board will work on election dates
- Board will search for an Independent Candidate in the Spring of 2026

H. Sonnenahalli arrived at 6:43 PM.

##### **D. SAC Committee Update**

LC discusses the SAC update.

#### **VI. Discussion Items**

##### **A. Strategic Planning Session Agenda**

Agenda is attached, any Qs?

- Recommend removing the training from the day
- RG recommends virtual training, later date.
- MA booked the ESC for us

## B. Fall Board Training Session

Fall Board Training Session will be virtual at a later date.

## VII. Action Items

### A. Revised Policy 1.6 Election Second Reading

H. Sonnenahalli left at 7:13 PM.

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the second reading of the revised policy 1.6 Election.

B. Paul seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

J. Painz	Absent
L. Paquette	Aye
L. Steele	Aye
K. Lindgren	Aye
S. Howorko	Aye
B. Paul	Aye
H. Sonnenahalli	Absent
L. Challa	Aye

### B. 2025-2026 Board Calendar

L. Paquette made a motion to to approve the 2025-2026 calendar as discussed.

S. Howorko seconded the motion.

Board discussed Board Calendar

- Wednesdays would be tough for LC
- Moving to 3rd Tuesdays, all virtual: Sept 16, Oct 21 (executive session), Nov 18, Dec 16, January 20, Feb 24 (mid-winter break, school break), March 17, April 21\*\* (in person due to the State of the School), May 19, June 16
- Executive Sessions at 5 pm right ahead
- Training sessions will be decided later
- Work Session on the Bylaws in Sept - Sept 8 (optional, Lisa Hosfelt will be on the call to answer questions, will send it in the StarNews and Board newsletter)

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

S. Howorko	Aye
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**Roll Call**

H. Sonnenahalli Absent  
J. Painz No  
B. Paul Aye  
K. Lindgren Aye  
L. Steele Aye  
L. Paquette Aye  
L. Challa Aye

**C. Fall 2025 Election Timing**

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the Fall 2025 Election Timing.  
L. Challa seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

H. Sonnenahalli Absent  
K. Lindgren Aye  
J. Painz Aye  
S. Howorko Aye  
L. Steele Aye  
L. Challa Aye  
L. Paquette Aye  
B. Paul Aye

**D. SimplyVoting Subscription for 2025-2026 Election**

S. Howorko made a motion to approve up to \$3500 for SimplyVoting.  
K. Lindgren seconded the motion.

- To ensure that we have enough to cover postcards & stamps, etc.
- Will that include the prizes? No

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Challa Aye  
B. Paul Aye  
K. Lindgren Aye  
L. Paquette No  
H. Sonnenahalli Absent  
S. Howorko Aye  
L. Steele Aye  
J. Painz Aye

**E. 2025-2026 Committee Handbook**

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Committee Handbook.  
K. Lindgren seconded the motion.

- Discussion regarding the goals and when they are due

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Paquette	Aye
K. Lindgren	Aye
L. Challa	Aye
H. Sonnenahalli	Absent
J. Painz	Aye
B. Paul	Aye
L. Steele	Aye
S. Howorko	Aye

**F. 2025-2026 Executive Director Evaluation Planning**

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 ED Evaluation document.

K. Lindgren seconded the motion.

- This document is very extensive
- After this year we will re-evaluate the evaluation document and discuss changing the goal-setting timeline, october is too late

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

J. Painz	Aye
L. Steele	No
K. Lindgren	Aye
S. Howorko	Aye
L. Challa	Aye
L. Paquette	Aye
H. Sonnenahalli	Absent
B. Paul	No

**G. Fundraising Allocation to Principals**

S. Howorko made a motion to allocate \$10,000 to each of the Principals.

L. Paquette seconded the motion.

- Every year we typically give Principals an allocation so they can approve under \$1000 and give it out of their funds.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

L. Challa	Aye
B. Paul	Aye
K. Lindgren	Aye

**Roll Call**

H. Sonnenahalli Absent  
S. Howorko Aye  
L. Steele Aye  
J. Painz Aye  
L. Paquette Aye

**H. Fundraising Allocation to After Prom**

This is a repeat topic, already voted, no need to vote this time.

**VIII. Future Planning**

**A. Next Board Meeting Agenda and Board Packet**

Agenda has been started, Lindsey making notes

- Robin to bring SPF/CMAS
- UIP Report

**B. Next Admin Sync Meeting**

No Admin Sync for this month.

**C. Upcoming Events**

- Gala on October 4, encourage Board members to attend

**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 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Paquette