

Colorado Springs Charter Academy

Regular Board Meeting Minutes | May 11, 2023 | @6:30pm | Location - CSCA Computer Lab

Vision: We kindle enthusiasm to craft bold and effective citizen-scholars

Mission: Colorado Springs Charter Academy is love for community expressed in action. We are entrusted with dear purchase, to bind our students' days of innocence and joy with structure, content and character. To accomplish this, we cultivate the individual potential of all our students by: providing academically rigorous, proven, content-rich educational programs; developing incisive analytical skills and well-stocked minds; fostering self-advocacy, passion, citizenship, and exemplary character; holding individualized high expectations; involving and welcoming parents and community members.

EPIC - Excellence/Positivity/Integrity with Respect/Citizenship

1. Meeting Called to Order

A regular monthly meeting of the Colorado Springs Charter Academy board of directors was called to order by Board Chair Bobby Adams at 6:32pm

Roll Call

Board members present were Board Chair Bobby Adams, Vice President Jill Gaebler, Treasurer Jennifer Smith, Secretary Sarah Shaffer, and Kristopher Hayward

CSCA staff attending the meeting: HOS Zoe Ann Holmes, Shannon Larson, Kristen Ross, Christina Rausch, Kelly Miller

Guest in attendance: John Brendza from CSI

2. Approval of Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes

Sarah Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the board meeting of April 20, 2023. Jill Gaebler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Board Chair Bobby Adams requested any public comment.

Kelly Miller thanked the board for all they've been doing and the great direction in which the school is moving.

4. Presentations and Reports

A. Lead Teacher Report – Kristen Ross

Art show was great success and art club has had high participation, track finishing up inaugural season and had a really great time, Mr Barrentine had a music showcase for 4th and 5th grades. 8th grade continuation is taking place on the 18th. The middle school luau has been moved due to thunderstorms and will now take place on the 18th. CSCA alumni who were freshman in high school this past year returned to have a Q&A with 8th graders to learn about high school. Space day last Friday offered a planetarium in the computer lab, kids were able to view the sun through a special telescope, and lot of other space-related activities took place school-wide.

B. SAC Report – Chrissy Rausch:

CSI gave a training session for the UIP. Jessica Welsh from CSI is very impressed with CSCA's SAC committee and all the events they've been putting on. Jessica came to our school to put on a training for our SAC members and other schools came here to train as well. CSCA was really hyped as how to do SAC well. CDE along with State Advisory Counsel for Parental Involvement in Education encouraged CSCA to submit the things we've been doing and have asked CSCA to write about the successful programs for other schools to learn from.

C. School and PTO updates:

School Update: Zoe Ann Holmes:

EFFCT.org trained staff on enrollment process, and Facebook adds have gone out. The school is receiving new interest already.

Safety drills are complete for the year, and BEST grant continues to be worked on.

Opportunities: recruit more families, employment opportunities posted

NWEA – reports are out showing growth. Full reports given to board for review.

PTO Update:

Bobby read an e-mail from Amber Davis. Highlights included: Skate city went well, year-end budget is positive. Planners have been ordered for next year. New President and Vice President have been identified. Staff celebration week going well – lots of fun celebrations (massages, lunches, favorite drinks etc.)

D. Proposed 2023-2024 Budget – Jennifer Smith gave an overview

5. Board Action Items

A. Strategic Planning Draft – Will be finalized in June

6. Board Action Items: Consent Agenda

No consent agenda items

7. Executive Session

No executive session.

8. Other Business

9. Future Meeting Topics

Parent-Student Handbook

Appointment of new board members

Voting on the budget

Strategic Planning Vote

BEST Grant update

10. Adjourn

Sarah Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously at 6:56 pm

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