

ACS Board Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2019

Board Members: Josh Greer, Adam Cormican, Marcus Spencer, Dino Ward, Nick Smith, Dan Bessert

Interested Parties: Kathy Greer, Amy Furrey, Kelley Bergman, Gay Otten

- General Session Opening 6:30pm:
 - Opening Prayer - DW
 - Secretaries Report – JG
 - Motion to approve
 - DW
 - Second: NS
 - Approved
 - Treasurer’s Report – DW
 - Fraudulent credit of \$2051 used on books
 - \$435.39 still actively being recovered.
 - Fees and license for not for profit fee
 - \$11.25
 - Net income for the month due to books and salaries, with no income for the summer.
 - Question on rent
 - AF: September through April
 - \$13 per student (42 students)
 - NS: What does next month look like for these reports
 - DW: Will have income from tuition
 - DW: Should come close to even on income to expense
 - Motion to approve
 - JG
 - Second: DB
 - Approved
 - Principals Report – Amy/Kathy
 - Received all forms
 - Waiting on minor school supplies
 - Getting church letters back
 - Discussion on fundraising focus
 - Need topic for sending letter to donors
 - JG: Recommends doing a computer based fund raiser about every 3 years.
- Board Oversight 7:00pm:
 - Academic – Nick Smith
 - Will discuss in new business.
 - Athletics – Josh Greer
 - Letters of intent for basketball went out
 - Needing a girls’ basketball coach.
 - 8th Grade Trip – Adam Cormican
 - 2 students in class
 - May not do trip this year
 - Seniors – Dino Ward

- Recent meeting
 - Student Council – Adam Cormican
 - Weekend service hours at Celebration center
 - Family Club – Dan Bessert
 - Discussion of accounting software
 - Will discuss in old business.
- Old Business
 - Online QuickBooks
 - Created under schools email
 - \$25 a month
 - \$12 for 3 months then \$25
 - Is very different and will need to play with it.
 - Will work with Gay on entering data going forward.
 - Web based and will work on any computer.
 - Will update the board with more information next month
 - 2-way radio for CEL
 - Purchased and in place
- New Business
 - Policy 4210 changes
 - Changes to the American Government requirement
 - HS students starting with this year's Junior year are required to take a civics test, which is similar to US citizens test
 - Change:
 - "Must pass (70% or better) the MO Constitution, Federal Constitution, and US Citizenship Tests."
 - KG: Questioning the naming. Should it not be the same name as defined on the government document: "Civics Test"
 - AC: If questions can be incorporated, the name should not matter
 - NS: Feels the name of Citizens Test should carry more weight.
 - AF: Verbiage should also be added to the 4210.2 Honors Diploma verbiage
 - KB: Will be monitoring the DESE website in the future to catch these sorts of changes sooner.
 - NS: Asking if colleges acknowledge the honors diploma.
 - KG: Feels we started around 2011
 - KB: Colleges look more at GPA and credits than diploma type.
 - Motion:
 - Change verbiage as outlined above, in both 4210.1 and 4210.2 sections.
 - JG
 - Discussion:
 - NS: Asking if the 70% is state mandate
 - KB: It is not
 - KB: Students can retake as needed.
 - Second: NS

- Approved
 - **ACTION ITEM: JG to process policy change.**
- Donation Request Letter
 - After kickoff, people asked about the donation section in the budget.
 - Feels we can get this number higher by reaching out to businesses.
 - AC, Gay Otten, and Richard DeFord have worked on multiple letters.
 - AC: Discussed the section at the bottom about what amounts of money could be used for.
 - NS: Likes the concept, would like to see 300, 600, 1200 option
 - Doesn't necessarily like the option for 1 student.
 - JG: Making sure there is no overlap between this letter and what the Boatright's would be sending:
 - AF: The Boatright's may want to give this up.
 - JG: But they may carry more weight than what we could do on our own.
 - NS: We may be able to combine these 2 process and have the sender use a customized cover letter.
 - JG: The amount categories is helpful to let people know what is typical
 - JG: The minimum amount that we send a tax form should also be noted.
 - MS: Likes the levels for corporate and churches, but would like an open ended amount for individuals.
 - Possibly remove levels from the individual letters.
 - KG: Feels mentioning that funds could be used for tuition is contradictory to the letter verbiage.
 - KG: Is it off to ask that some of these funds might end up back in the community?
 - We have a community coordinator.
 - DW: Would make sure we include students to this context so they know the students are benefiting from the process.
 - DW: Should leave an option for general funds to support a high quality education.
 - AF: Would it be hard to keep track of if someone earmarks funds for?
 - DW: Need to add a note on the letter allowing the school to use the funds as needed.
 - **ACTION ITEM: AC to update document and distribute to the board.**
 - NS: Would like to see the list that documents are being sent in the future.
- Open Discussion
 - N/A
- Prayer for School and Families - AC
 - KB health praise

- 2 people Kelley knows with cancer
- Denis Ehlert recovering
- Melissa Mahurin sleep
- Dan Bessert back
- Jennifer Bessert pain

- Next Meeting: Oct
 - 10/21/2019 @6:30 PM

- Adjournment
 - Motion to adjourn
 - NS
 - Second: DB
 - Approved