

AFSA K-12
Work Session Agenda
K-8 Cafeteria
Nov 15, 2022
4:00 - 5:00 pm
AGENDA TOPICS

Board Members Present: Katie Crowley, Gerard Cramer, David Smith, Melissa DeGidio, Jodi Stumpner, Jessica Goodwin, Kate Plaisance, Brady Jones

Board Members Absent: Julie Cox

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS:

1. Call to Order: Board Chair Kate Plaisance called the work session to order at 4:05 pm.
2. Administrative Reports: AFSA High School Administrative Team working on enrollment through Facebook advertising.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Open Discussion -
 - a. Working on bid for new charter school auditor to replace BerganKDV for next September.
 - b. December meeting agenda items; Goggle training, finalize Board Calendar and then establish a committee to work on the Board Handbook. FFA students will also be invited to the December meeting.
 - c. January meeting Reach Squad will be invited.
2. Strategic plan - Kate Plaisance reviewed the final draft of the 2022-2025 AFSA School Board Strategic Plan. Melissa DeGidio shared the Action Plan document and a sub committee was established to work on completing the Action Plan.
3. Updated budget - [Becky Meyer](#) reviewed the updated 2022-2023 Budget Plan with the board.
4. Sounding Board from Osprey Wilds - The board was encouraged to read the shared document on supporting school leaders.
5. Committee Structure - Discussion on Fundraising Task Force, Election Committee, Board Evaluation, Executive Committee.

C. ADJOURN: The work session was adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Regular board meeting to begin at 5:00 pm

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

K-8 Cafeteria

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5:00 - 6:30 pm

AGENDA

Board Members Present: Katie Crowley, Julie Cox, Gerard Cramer, David Smith, Melissa DeGidio, Jodi Stumpner, Jessica Goodwin, Kate Plaisance, Brady Jones

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Becky Meyer, Erik Bruner-Wiltse, Carrie Reid

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Call to Order: Board Chair Kate Plaisance called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
 - a. Mission: The Academy for Sciences and Agriculture, a public charter school for grades K-12, engages learners in academically rigorous, student centered, hands-on experiences and leadership opportunities within a science, environmental education, and agricultural context.
 - b. Vision: AFSA will develop lifelong learners who are curious, care for others and have high skills levels in applied sciences, and will be prepared for a future in a diverse, global and changing society.
 - c. Honoring Native Tribes: We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Dakota People, and pay our respect to elders both past and present.
2. Determination of Quorum (5 members minimum): A quorum was determined.
3. Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Katie Crowley. David Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. Determination of Conflict of Interest: No conflict of interest was determined to be present.
5. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the October 2022 Board minutes as presented by Melissa DeGidio. Gerard Cramer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
6. Approval of Financial Report: Erik Bruner-Wiltse presented the Financial Report, payment of invoices and acceptance of gifts.

A motion was made to approve the Financial Report, accept the gifts and pay the invoices as presented by Brady Jones. Julie Cox seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. GUEST COMMENTS No guest comments

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. School Activities Reports

Becky Meyer presented the administrative report for AFSA K-8.

K-8: Academics:

- STAR Testing to be completed in November.
- A Veteran's Day Display was made to honor relatives of students.
- Presentation Night is coming up December 1st.
- End of Trimester December 2nd.

Community:

- Fair Trade Fundraiser ends November 18th.
- The Parent Group met on November 14th to discuss the winter carnival, fundraising efforts, additional events and staff appreciation ideas.
- Students met their behavior goals for October, 3rd-8th grade had dances, could wear costumes and K-2nd had a costume parade.

Mission:

- November field trips included a trip to the Library, Fort Snelling, and Snail Lake. 7th and 8th graders will attend an FFA Meeting at the High School, and visit UP coffee to learn more about fair trade.

Enrollment:

- K-8 enrollment holding at 245
- Waitlists remain in grades 5th - 8th
- The lottery for 23-24 school year is at seventeen students.

Erik Bruner presented the administrative report for AFSA High School.

9-12: Clubs and Extracurricular Activities:

- Eight new members were inducted into the AFSA Chapter of The National Honor Society during the November Presentation Night at the High School, bringing the total number to thirteen.
- We have two new basketball coaches for the upcoming season, Jeffery Landin as head coach and Jake Conran as assistant coach. Practices begin November 21st.

Community:

- The Veteran's Day events have been moved to Friday November 18th.
- The Barn Dance will also be held November 18th, put on by the National Honor Society and music from one of our student DJs.

Academics:

- STAR Testing to be completed in November.
- AFSA FFA students returned from The National Convention with individual and school wide accolades. The group also returned with a plaque designating the AFSA's FFA as a national Two Star Chapter.
- Presentation Night was a success with over 60 students presenting as part of their yearly requirements for graduation. Presentations ranged from building a table, how to rebuild a small engine, costume design, to the ancient Egyptian Iron Age.
- Guest speakers from the University of Minnesota Agricultural education communications department spoke with students about marketing and communication through the lens of

agriculture. Guest speaker volunteers also spoke to students about the sometimes unpredictable path to finding a satisfying career.

- Current Enrollment is 174, with seven students on the lottery for the 23-24 school year.

2. Committee Reports:

- Board Election Committee - has established process for next Board Elections.
- Fundraising Committee - (Mellisa DeGidio, Julie Cox, Jessica Goodwin and Kate Plaisance) - working with K-8 Parent Group.
- Strategic Plan sub Committee - (Jodi Stumpner, Melissa DeGidio, Jessica Goodwin) committee established and plan to meet at 3:30 pm before a board meeting.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Test security procedures: A motion was made to approve the District Test Security Procedures for AFSA K-12 Charter School as presented by David Smith. Gerard Cramer seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.
2. Strategic Plan: A motion was made to approve the 2022-25 AFSA School Board Strategic Plan as presented by Brady Jones. Jodi Stumpner seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next meeting:
 - a. Regular meeting December 13, 2022 at 5:00 pm

F. ADJOURNMENT

Katie Crowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. David Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.