

**AFSA K-12**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**K-8 Cafeteria**  
**January 24, 2022**  
**4:00 - 5:00 pm**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Katie Crowley, Gerard Cramer, David Smith, Jodi Stumpner, Kate Plaisance, Julie Cox

**Board Members Absent:** Melissa Degidio, Jessica Goodwin, Brady Jones

**A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS:**

1. Call to Order: Board Chair Kate Plaisance called the work session to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Administrative Reports: None

**B. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. A picture of the board members was taken for the school's website
2. It was noted that it is school board appreciation month
3. The success of the silent auction was discussed, it netted \$6610.
4. Discussion on the upcoming school board election and timelines.
5. Discussion of ways to have the board interact more and get to know staff and students better.

**C. ADJOURN:** The work session was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

**Regular board meeting to begin at 5:00 pm in K8 Cafeteria**

**AFSA K-12**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Minutes**  
**K-8 Cafeteria**  
**Jan 24, 2022**  
**5:00 - 6:30 pm**  
**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Katie Crowley, Gerard Cramer, David Smith, Jodi Stumpner, Julie Cox, Kate Plaisance

**Board Members Absent:** Jessica Goodwin, Brady Jones, Melissa DeGidio

**Others Present:** Becky Meyer, Erik Bruner-Wiltse,

**A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

1. Call to Order: Board Chair Kate Plaisance called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm
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  - 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 Peoples: 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 amended agenda as presented was made by Dave Smith. Gerard Cramer 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 December 2022 Board minutes as presented by David Smith. Jodi Stumpner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
7. Approval of Financial Report: Erik Bruner-Wiltse presented the Financial Report. A motion was made to approve the Financial Report, payment of invoices and acceptance of gifts as presented by Gerard Cramer. Julie Cox seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**B. GUEST COMMENTS:** None

**C. INFORMATION ITEMS**

## 1. School Activities Reports

### Becky Meyer presented for AFSA K-8.

#### January

##### Academic:

- **Contract Goal 5.1:** Students in grades K-2 completed Winter Dibels testing to determine mid-year growth. At this time, 15 out of the 22 (68%) 2nd graders have met their grade-level expectations for this goal. Our goal is 80% of students meeting by the end of the year.
- **Conferences** are this Thursday for Tri 2. Winter conferences at the K-8 focus on growth and overall progress.

##### Community:

- **School Carnival** with Silent Auction, SAE sales, Book Fair, Games, and Concessions is happening this Saturday from 9-Noon!
- Coming up on Feb 10th is our **Literacy Night**.

##### Mission:

- **Contract goal 1.4, ELP 1.2:** Field trips this past month went to Norway House, Snowshoeing, 826 MSP, Good Times park, Zero Gravity, Libraries
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### Erik Bruner-Wiltse presented for AFSA High School.

#### Clubs and Extracurriculars

- Basketball - currently 1 and 4.
- Over the break, 7 AFSA high school students participated in The Center for Youth Voice's Youth in Government. Students took on the roles of legislators, attorneys, judges, lobbyists and more and spent 4 days running a state model government at the Minnesota Capitol.

#### School Culture and Community

- January 16 was our *Taste of AFSA* day. The AFSA 8th grade class as well as 11 visiting students from other schools participated in team-building activities, mini-lessons delivered by high school content area teachers, and ate lunch in the high school cafeteria. The day went over well, with many of the visiting students commenting on about liking the school building, the activities, and the food.
- Also on January 16, in honor of Martin Luther King Day, all of AFSA's 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students packed 31,968 meals for families in need at *Feed My Starving Children*.

- On January 12, AFSA high school held its open house. Several attendees expressed interest in attending for 9th grade in the upcoming school year and participated in the Taste of AFSA event.

## **Academics**

- CIS Political Science Class had their annual Field Day on January 10. Students went to Brooklyn Center High School to participate in a citizens jury to debate the 303 Creative LLC vs. Elenis case currently before the Supreme Court. Students debated with other CIS Political Science students from Minnesota and Wisconsin and then presented their ideas to Minnesota Appeals Court Judge Lucinda Jensen.
- Science Fair - Students have completed or are continuing to complete their science fair papers. Final science fair presentation
- CDE - 1/18 - Forest Lake High School - Food Science and Companion Animals
- LDE - 1/24 - Howard Lake - employment skills, job interviews, creed practice

## **Enrollment:**

- **88 Lottery applications in so far!** Lottery closes on February 1st, and after that the process will be completed by the 15th.
- 240 students at the K-8 now; several withdrawals over winter break and throughout January so far. Most spots have been replaced from waitlisted students, but we are down to only a couple of students on the waitlists now. Current openings in K, 1, 7, 8 and working to fill 2 spots in % from the waitlist. Most of the feedback about leaving has been due to students physically moving homes, and some have declined to provide feedback.

2. Administrative Reports: None

3. Committee Reports: None.

## **D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Discussion of setting up a meeting for people interested in participating the Ag Advisory Council. Meeting will be held in conjunction with the next High school presentation night.

## **E. ACTION ITEMS**

No action items

## **F. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Next meeting:
  - a. Regular meeting February 28, 2023 at 5 pm

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

Katie Crowley moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 pm. Dave Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.