Arizona School for the Arts
1410 N. 3rd Street, Room B104
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Meeting Minutes

Governing Board
September 24, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: *(voting members in bold)*

Javier Cárdenas, President	**P**	**Anthony Dietz, Vice President**	**P**	**Carlos Contreras, Secretary/Treasurer**	**P**
Ed Novak, Past President	**A**	**John Snider**	**P**	**Alexander Laing**	**P**
Betty Hum	**A**	**Joya Kizer Clarke**	**P**	**Marcia Mintz**	**P**
Jason Schupbach	**P**	Emma Popish, Honorary Alumni Member	P	Dana Bender, Honorary Arts Faculty	P
Eden Lewkowitz, Honorary Academic Faculty	P	Leah Fregulia, Head of School/CEO	P	Sara Maline, Principal	P
Desiree Johnson, Business Director	P	Marion Donaldson, Development Director	P	Drew Maxwell, Operations Manager	P
Elizabeth Clark, Vice Principal	P	Tiffany Kell, Executive Assistant and Community Liaison	P		

Call to Order

Javier Cárdenas, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Call to Public

Javier Cárdenas made a call to the public. Kevin Allen, a prospective Board member was present.

Presentations

Mission Moment Presentations were presented by two Academic Honors Societies.
The first student group to present was the National Honors Society (NHS), Faculty Advisor: Mr. Jeff Steinert. Club President Sarah Pansing, Vice President, Emma Sar, Treasurer, Joel Uliassi, and Secretary, Elly Khotim; the Senior Officers for the 2018-19 school year from NHS presented to the Board. Followed by Mu Alpha Theta Honors Society (MATH), Faculty Advisor: Mr. Robert Tolar. The club's President, Robin McDonald presented.

John Snider, The Board of Director's Financial Committee Chair, presented next on Charter School Finance 101. He shared a visual with the Board that shows how state money is allocated differently to Charter and District Schools.

He explained that the base amount, about 70%, of money to all schools comes from the state. On average this equals about $5,000 per year allocated per student (it is slightly more for High School students). Then there is an additional weighted based on students. This is determined by the student's needs. This can add an additional $2,500 per student per year of assistance. Money from the state, considered under Additional Assistance, does largely go to Charter Schools but that is because Charter Schools have no access to Local property tax like District Schools. District schools can ask local taxpayers to do a bond election and this is paid for by the local property tax.

John Snider then spoke about ASA's specific budget for the 2018-2019 school year. He explained that all of these percentages are derived straight from the approved budget for FY2019. In regards to revenues 80% of our school money is from the State Funding that the school receives. This is based on student enrollment numbers and student's needs. In regards to expenses 65% of our budget is spent on salaries for academic, arts and administration staff salaries. This percentage is on par with the average in our state for school staff salaries.

Jason Schupbach asked if the Board was currently working on an Endowment or a capital campaign.

Leah Fregulia, Head of School, clarified that with the Piper Grant money that she was receiving a feasibility study was the focus so as to see about a capital campaign.

Board President, Javier Cárdenas, presented on the first Resource Development Committee meeting. He stated that looking at the relationships that are already established and how to develop and enhance them further is a key goal of this committee. Also he wanted the Board to be aware that the funding for the additional expenses, beyond the operational need of $965,000, a new ballet floor, technology needs, and the piano labs will be stretch goals this year and next.

Personal connections are key to the success of this committee. A list of Board "Menu of options" for assisting in resource development for ASA will be presented at the October Board meeting. He shared that his personal goal for this is to put the fun back in fundraising so that everyone can feel good about raising money for ASA.

Next was a presentation by Principal, Sara Maline, about Testing Data.

In regards to the 2018 AP Data she highlighted that there are 104 students enrolled and 176 exams given. There is a continued increase in passing rates and specifically Math scores continue to increase. She highlighted that the percentage of total AP students with scores 3+ was lower than in years past due to the timing of the teacher walkout. The teachers during the walkout stayed in constant communication with their students however, the loss of in class learning time and daily practice to gear up for the Exam did have an effect.

As for the 2018 AzMerit Testing Data (Growth) in the 5th and 6th grade although growth numbers are not as high as years past there is still great individual growth. Also it must be remembered that last year was the first year of computerized testing and thus this sets a base line for this new format in testing.

She further discussed the school's next steps which include Academic interventions in English/ Math:

- Connections classes (5th and 6th grades)
- Math Lab (7th and 8th grades)
- HS Bridge (9th-12th grades)

Technology practice:

- Technology upgrades/ Network Stress Testing during 3rd quarter next year.
- Connections now includes 6th graders with needs in ELA/ Math.
- Digital suite of Eureka Math for grades K-12 provides access to computerized assessment Specialized data
- Lexile testing (5th and 6th)
- PILOT Dibels MATH (5th)

Based on the cut scores for letter grades, approved by the AZ Department of Education (ADE), ASA should have a letter grade designation of "A" again this year. This information will be finalized and published by ADE later this year.

Javier Cárdenas asked how the students and faculty seemed to be adjusting to the schedule change to a 5 academic classes everyday.

Sara Maline stated that the students/teachers having classes every day is still in this adjustment period, but they are adjusting well. The teachers have back about 30-35 days with their students which is fantastic.

Emma Popish, Honorary Alumni Member of the Board, affirmed that the days back with the students was very helpful in developing a deeper understanding of the content with the class. The sense of hurry up and get through the material has been greatly reduced.

Eden Lewkowitz, Honorary Academic Faculty Member of the Board, added that what is truly essential to the lesson comes to the surface since daily classes are shortened by 10 mins from last year. Also the continuity is nice since the students are seen daily.

Sara Maline also clarified that since more time has been given back it does not mean add more content. It means that teachers and their students can go deeper into the content and gain a better, richer understanding of it.

Leah Fregulia, Head of School/CEO showed her Head of School report. She then presented Advocacy goals for next year. She stated that Jason Schupbach, Carlos Contreras and herself as well any other Board members that wish to join are going to start having Advocacy task force meetings. The items for discussion would include the Art Seal on the student's diplomas. She further explained that this is a special honors seal that goes on the diploma and gives credibility through the state. A more detailed information sheet about the art seal was provided to the Board members for further review. Also, the task force will discuss ASA's role in the Charter School reform movement.

Reports

PowerPoint presentation was provided with report materials.

Discussion Items

No discussion items.

Consent Items

Consent Agenda provided.

Action Items

Approval of minutes August 27, 2018
Carlos Contreras moved to approve the minutes for August 27, 2018. Jason Schupbach seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Cárdenas, Dietz, Contreras, Snider, Laing, Kizer Clarke, Mintz and Schupbach voting in favor).

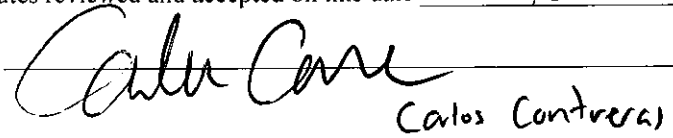
Approval of Out of County/State/Country Travel for 2018-2019 School Year
Tony Dietz moved to approve the Out of County/State/Country Travel List for 2018-2019 School Year. Carlos Contreras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Cárdenas, Dietz, Contreras, Snider, Laing, Kizer Clarke, Mintz and Schupbach voting in favor). See attached List.

Nomination of Kevin Allen to the Board of Directors
Marcia Mintz moved to Nominate Kevin Allen to the Board of Directors. John Snider seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Cárdenas, Dietz, Contreras, Snider, Laing, Kizer Clarke, Mintz and Schupbach voting in favor).

Adjournment

Tony Dietz made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Joya Kizer Clarke and passed unanimously. (Cárdenas, Dietz, Contreras, Snider, Laing, Kizer Clarke, Mintz and Schupbach voting in favor).
The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm

Minutes reviewed and accepted on this date 10/22/18.

By:  Board Member

Carlos Contreras