



Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 8, 2018

7:00pm – 9:00pm

General Meeting – AVA Library

Opening Procedures:

7:00 – 7:10pm

- Call to order
Board Attendees: Patton, Nye, Hybarger, Casten, Schroeder
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Recitation of AVA's mission & vision

- Review & approve agenda
Nye motion to amend agenda to add first reading of student fees for 2019-2020 school year, as well as strike the Board Training Content under Administrative Updates. Hybarger second. Unanimous approval.

- Consent agenda
 - Approve October board meeting minutes
Nye motion to approve consent agenda. Schroeder second. Unanimous approval.

- Public comment 7:10 – 7:20pm
None

- Administrative updates 7:20 – 8:00pm
 - November Dashboard
As mentioned during last month's Board meeting, Aspen View will be hosting 2 Veteran's Day assemblies to recognize and honor our veterans.

The Board Breakfast for staff appreciation will be on Wednesday, Dec 19th.

The facility update review will be at AVA on Monday, Nov 19th to gauge what kind of capital expenditures the school can expect over the coming years.

Ballot Issues 5A/5B - As of the time of the Board meeting, the election results are still outstanding, though the current tally suggests both measures will pass. More clarity should be gained by the end of the day, Friday Nov 8th.



As part of the ballot issues potentially passing, the Board will need to consider how to deploy any additional funds received from the 5A Mill Levy Override. Possible opportunities are: staffing, additional programming, safety, more flexible space, resources, etc.

The Board reviewed an initial Student Fee structure for the 2019-20 school year. This will be discussed again at future Board meetings before becoming official.

End of Month October Financial Report – AVA is still tracking very close to budget, with no significant developments that will materially impact AVA's financial health.

Science Fair – Our students will be eligible to participate in the Denver Metro Regional Science and Engineering Fair in the first part of 2019. It will not be required of all students, but rather a voluntary option for students to participate in individually or through a team. There is a lot of excitement from students about being able to participate in this type of activity which has not been available in the recent past.

Principal Barber presented some additional thoughts on what a polish of the school's brand could look like. These thoughts, and input from others, will be taken into consideration when a freshening of the brand.

Principal Barber shared some great kudos about Mrs. Haskell's 5th grade class who were creating Haiku's during their poetry unit, and Ms. Castleberry's 7th grade science class who have been working on an archaeological dig finding bones and artifacts. Both are examples of our teachers going above and beyond for our students.

AVA families have logged 3,814 volunteer hours to date.

- **Finance Committee update** **8:00 – 8:15pm**
The PTO chair attended the Finance Committee meeting and different reporting formats were discussed.



The bank note on the building expansion will be reviewed to see if it makes sense to accelerate payments or even pay off the note early to free up cash flow and avoid interest expenses. Next month's meeting may be a good opportunity to review the terms and make a recommendation to the Board.

The overall budget looks strong and on-target with net revenue forecasts.

- **Board Reports, discussion & actions** 8:15 – 8:45pm

- **Committee updates**

Policy review committee – a meeting was held two weeks ago to clean up/consolidate documents. Eric Patton has organized most of the information onto a Sharepoint site. Any remaining gaps will be filled in the next few months.

SAC Committee – meeting was held on Nov 7th. The committee is looking for another committee member, as one just departed. Next meeting is December 5th where the Election policy will be reviewed.

PTO – this Friday, Nov 8th is the Casino night. The number of tickets sold exceeded estimates so it should be a great night.

Election Committee – one parent volunteer confirmed, looking for a staff member for the election committee.

Uniform Committee – committee is full, with two additional members that raised their hand in the last couple of weeks. Kim Fallis, Emily Winter & Kristin Arabally.

- ~~Board training content~~

- **Ongoing STEAM discussion**

Refer to Administration Updates above.

- **Staff Bonus discussion & action**

Principal Barber made a recommendation for the staff bonus which is captured in the already approved budget for the 2018-19 school year. The Board agreed with the recommendation from Principal Barber. Nye motion to approve the staff holiday bonus. Casten second. Unanimous approval.



- Board Town Hall discussion & action
Town Hall discussion topics have been determined and will be presented on January 17th.
- Board Election policy discussion
The SAC Committee will be reviewing the policy at their next meeting on Dec. 5th.
- Principal Checkpoint #1 – review process, dates & confirm timeline
Dates confirmed for feedback cycle and mid-year check-in.

- Executive session (§24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S.), personnel matters; 8:45pm – 9:00pm
Nye motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the 2018-19 Fall Principal Survey responses. Patton second. Unanimous approval at 8:49pm.
Nye motion to exit Executive Session. Schroeder second. Unanimous approval at 9:38pm.

- Adjourn 9:00pm
Nye motion to adjourn. Schroeder second. Unanimous approval at 9:38pm.

Mission: Aspen View Academy will succeed through academic excellence in a challenging and stimulating learning environment that emphasizes math, technology and language arts, enabling our students to become critical thinkers, responsible citizens, strong community members and future leaders.

Vision: We recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering the arts, sports, nature, and character. Together, with our students, faculty, parents and community, we will develop civic and personal responsibility, intellectual passion and differentiated instruction in a safe, orderly, balanced and nurturing environment.

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Public Comment: The Aspen View Academy Board works for the students, parents and patrons of Aspen View Academy in promoting the vision and mission of the school. Community input that can help the Board meet the challenge of educating our children to our high standards is always welcome. Thus, the Board welcomes comments from members of the public during the public comment time set aside on the agenda on any topic. Since we believe it is important for our community to have agenda topics ahead of time, the Board will rarely respond to public comments during this open forum. The Board will only take action on items listed on the agenda. For other matters, the Board will receive comments only, and may, at its discretion, refer the matter or calendar the issue for future discussion.