

AATF Board of Directors Minutes
January 22, 2024
Location: In-Person and Virtual via Zoom

1. Call to Order
 Suzanne Larkin called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

2. Roll Call

	Feb 13	Mar 20	Apr 17	May 15	Jun 19	Jul 17	Aug 21	Sep 18	Oct 16	Nov 13	Dec 18	Jan 22
Larkin, Suzanne	X	Zoom	X	X	X	Absent	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bingham, Will	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Absent	X	X
Rouser, Janay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sturwold, Earl	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lastowski, Emily	X	zoom	X	X	Zoom	X	X	X	X	X	X	x
Maggard, Dana	X	X	X	Zoom	X	Absent	X	X	X	X	X	x
Bussey, Rutland	X	X	X	X	Zoom	Zoom	X	X	X	X	X	x
Brady, Ryan					X	X	X	X	X	Absent	X	Absent

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

4. Public Inquiry - None

5. **Minutes December 18, 2023**

Will Bingham motioned to approve the minutes for December 18, 2023 as presented; Earl Sturwold seconded; all approved.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. Financial Report - Earl Sturwold

Mr. Bussey pointed out that we show a profit of \$61,000.00 which is the result of donations. Mr. Polk explained that we typically show a negative for income until closer to the end of the school year.

Dana Maggard motioned to approve the financial report for December 2023; Emily Lastowski seconded; all approved.

6.2. Expansion Committee Update

6.2.1. Aaron Banks for Furr, Wegman & Banks - High School Floor Plan

Mr. Banks - We are targeting the end of March for final pricing and permitting.

Exterior of high school - Based on previous feedback he presented a more modest and functional front entry area that fit the budget better. Students drop off and pick up will be in the front of the building.

Mrs. Maggard asked if there were any sidewalks planned. Mr. Banks answered that sidewalks are planned and are part of the Site-Work. Mrs. Maggard suggested if possible to make all windows in the front the same size for aesthetic purposes. Mr. Banks explained some of the windows were designed shorter to accommodate the countertops

in the science lab. To match the windows is a possibility, it may increase the pricing slightly.

Mr. Banks explained that the material for the roof and awnings is steel, a very durable material with longevity. Mr. Polk explained that at this time it is part of the budget. If needed, the material for the roof can be changed.

Mrs. Lastowski checked if it has been considered to have a different signage/logo for the high school. Mr. Polk confirmed that the high school will have a different signage/logo from the rest of the school.

Interior, Floor 1 and 2

Floor 1: The design team visited our clinic to find out how it operates and made changes to the high school clinic accordingly to increase functionality. The staff restroom is now off the corridor for easier access.

Floor 2: - Shifting the layout of the second floor provided two smaller classrooms and added 1 additional classroom. Two different furniture layouts were presented in the plans.

Mr. Banks shared that they will soon be at 50% construction documents. Site plans have been submitted to the County (School Board).

Will Bingham made the motion to add the architectural plans for the high school as an emergency item; Emily Lastowski seconded, all approved.

Will Bingham made the motion to approve the architectural plans for the high school as presented tonight; Janay Rouser seconded; all approved.

6.3. SAC Committee

6.3.1. 4th Grade Team

Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Thornton, Ms. Verner and Ms. Wootton are the 4th grade teachers with a combined 67 years of teaching experience. The 4th grade standards build upon fundamental skills, such as reading, writing and mathematics. This is the year that advanced concepts such as critical thinking and problem solving are the focus. It was shared that our 4th grade students have read about 1300 books this school year. By reading 20 minutes a day our students can read 1,800,000.00 words per year and have a great advantage over students that don't read as much.

4th Grade students take FAST math and language arts. Language Arts includes both reading and writing. Because of the FAST writing portion, all 4th grade students are learning how to type. It was explained how the testing and scoring will look different this year and how the students have to reference their writing.

The 9 and 10 year olds are inquisitive and enjoy doing experiments in math and science. The standards in math have doubled recently and are challenging our students. The 4th grade students enjoy the beginning and end of the year field trips to Crystal Springs and the Kennedy Space Center.

6.3.2. Healthy School - Exempt or Non-Exempt Foods

Mr. Polk shared additional information on healthy school food/snacks and how to calculate if a snack meets the requirements. We have ordered healthy snacks to see how the budget for Extended Day snacks has to be adjusted (healthy snacks are very expensive).

This presentation is our monthly Healthy School committee meeting.

6.4 New Board Member Committee

Mr. Bingham reported that the committee met a few times. Interviews are set for three additional applicants this week. Once the interviews are completed the committee will bring a recommendation to the Board.

7. **Consent Agenda - None**

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business

9.1. Updated Directors Roll-Out, Governance Training and Fingerprinting - Information Only

Ms. Larkin, Mr. Bingham and Ms. Rouser are due for the governance training and roll-out renewal in the middle of this year.

9.2. Election of Officers - March '24

Ms. Larkin - If any board members would like to remain in your current position or run for another position, please let her know.

9.3. Directors Assessment Committee

Ms. Larkin - A meeting will be called soon. Please let her know if last year's committee members want to remain on the committee.

9.4. Directors Compensation/Contract -

The same applies to the Directors Compensation/Contract Committee. Please let Ms. Larkin know if you would like to stay on the committee.

10. Individual Board Member Reports/Inquiry (Non-Agenda Items) - None

11. Faculty/Staff Inquiry (Non-Agenda Items)

Mr. Polk - The Board of Directors will take group pictures tonight. Individual pictures are scheduled for Feb. 1st. Both are for the yearbook.

Mr. Polk shared that we are moving forward with the loan with Florida Capital (USDA) but also plan to contact a few other banks to see if they are willing to work with us outside USDA for the expansion funds needed. We hope to present information at the next board meeting.

Mr. Bingham asked what the current loan balance is and if there are any stipulations for the high school. The current loan is about \$3,694,000.00. The goal is to find a bank that will take over the current loan and the funds needed for the expansion outside USDA. This will save the USDA fees. USDA comes with stipulations, whereas a traditional loan may not.

Ms. Bardin shared that our school is eligible for the A-School funds. The A-School committee team will present the options to our employees this Thursday at the all staff meeting. Our staff will vote on what they would like to do with the funds.

The Board agreed to call the free dress day "Dollar Dress Day" from now on.

12. Friends of the Academy

12.1. Financials

Ms. Fagan shared that PTO made a contribution to the school of \$ 82,000.00 and contributed \$5,000.00 for the 8th grade field trip.

February 3rd - Yard sale and chili cook off

Yard sale is 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.
Chili Cook Off - Ready to go at 11.30 am, eat at 12.00, wrap up around at 12.30
and announce the winner at 12:45 pm. Little sample cups will be provided.
Kona Ice and a food truck will be there as well.

12.2. Clay Shoot Committee Update

Mr. Bussey reported that the Clay Shoot fundraiser is April 6. Spread the word. You can sign up online, share the FB page with friends or email us with any questions. We have a few sponsors and people signed up already. There will also be a silent auction and possibly a live auction too.

13. Date of Next Meeting

13.1. BOD 2-26-24

14. Upcoming Events

1-24 - 26 New Board Member Committee - 8:00 am
1-25 - Clay Shoot Committee Meeting - 8:00 am
1-26 - Free Dress Day
1-27 - NJHS Service Project - "Loads of Love"
2-1 - Picture Day - Cap & Gown, Pre-K + 8th
2-3 - Yard Sale & Chili Cook Off
2-7 - Mustang Ball Committee Meeting 8:00 am
2-8 - Clay Shoot Committee Meeting 8:00 am
2-9 - Free Dress Day
2-9 - Progress Reports
2-9 - 4th Grade Field Trip - The Color Express
2-13 - 3rd Grade Field Trip - The Color Express
2-15 - Staff Jean Day
2-19 - No School - Presidents Day
2-22 - Clay Shoot Committee Meeting 8:00 am

15. Meeting Adjourned

Rouser Janay made a motion to adjourn at 6:36 pm; all approved.

Minutes submitted by:


Emily Lastowski, Secretary

Date:

2-26-24