Open Session

6:00 PM- Welcome and Introduction of Guests: (YB) -

Vision Statement: The ArtSpace Charter School community will be a national benchmark in educational excellence through integration of the arts.

Mission Statement: ArtSpace Charter School offers a complete education, through an integrated curriculum centered around the visual and performing arts, utilizing an experiential approach. We believe in a family-centered, cooperative approach to education that encourages parental involvement and community service in order to nurture responsible citizenship.

Acknowledgments: Thank you to everyone who coordinated and donated to the annual fund. Many thanks to Ms. Jocelyn for hosting the Art Ed students throughout this semester. Would like to thank Ms. Adina and Ms. Sue for the Stress Reduction classes for middle school (tea, crochet, mindful painting, and drum circles). Two professional developments were led - Dance and music vocabulary and Print Making within Nature. This built off a week long workshop that Melissa and Andrea received a scholarship for. About half the staff attended each session. Ms. Jocelyn support and an ArtSpace parent led an additional session. Ms. Beth Watman, our new Speech-Language Therapist, is doing an exceedingly bang-up job. All the teachers with the hands-on engaging PD with the arts. It was fun and useful too! Thanks to Lori for allowing this PD to happen for our teachers. Gisela has been a huge joy and interest to the children while she was here. Going on field trips with EC children, music lessons with Ms. Meg, reading groups, day of the dead with the middle school...We have LOVED every min. Personally it was a HUGE help to me while I gain my strength and her questions as a new teacher made me reflect my practice and dig deeper into the philosophies in education. Thank you for all you do!! :) The arts professional development last Wednesday was awesome! Thanks for their hard work! I want to thank the board for striving to get us back up to pay scale and I want to acknowledge the staff members who so generously "adopted" students in need for the holidays--I’m not sure exactly who that was, but Victoria (and Chrissy), Lori, Lucy, Rebecca T., Adina... and more! Thank you! Beth Garrison, Darlene and Sharon McRorie also helped with Holiday Angels :) Thank you to the board for the guidance in managing our finances and problem solving with the building water stoppage, gutters, retention wall, and field.

Public Comment: Libby Mitchell - invited to work with the board, professional training as an economist, mother of an 8th grade student. Primary interest is in fundraising and grant writing. Loves ArtSpace and is very interested in contributing to the school.

Consent Agenda: (YB)
Approval of November 15th, 2016 regular meeting open minutes

- These minutes will be reviewed along with December Minutes during January meeting

Motion to approve Leslie Groetsch as a member of our board. Motion by: MS, 2nd by: SM. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FACE update- AAA- Met with FACE board at the end of November. At the meeting discussed the thrift store, FACE members attending development meetings, recruiting new members to FACE, business plans, and grant writing.

Committee Reports:

- Director’s Report- Reviewed attached report.
- Policy - Met in December, Currently working on FMLA wording and handbooks
- Budget - Met with Acadia to review line items. Two line items require approval from board. Acadia has requested permissions to initiate the following transactions.
  - Proposals:
    - Net Payroll - Acadia would draft the net amount of each payroll from our Operating checking account to Acadia’s fiduciary account where it is then sent to individual employee’s banks for their Direct Deposit. This would occur 2-3 days prior to payroll date.
    - State Health Plan: Acadia would set up an EFT each month to pay State Health Plan directly from our Operating account. This would be initiated by Acadia and occur on each payroll date in conjunction with the premiums coming from employee payrolls.

Motion to approve Acadia North Star to draught the Net Payroll and State Health Plan Premium. Motion by: KP, 2nd by: LG. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board development: Interim secretary

- Our current secretary, Rebecca Cecil, is expecting and is looking for an interim secretary while she has the baby. Leslie Groetsch, volunteered. Rebecca will explain minutes process.

Open Positions

- Pending approval of a new hire for the EC Teacher position, we will have no open positions.

Charter Success

- Date set with Corey from Charter Success, January 4th. He is driving from Durham to meet with us. They are offering a full range of services (what Acadia has been covering), as well as things like lottery management and HR services.

To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the laws of this State or the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, a Motion is made to go into closed session. Motion by KP, 2nd by MS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLOSED SESSION

OPEN SESSION

AGENDA PREPARED BY: YAEL BALDWIN, BOARD CHAIR
MINUTES RECORDED BY: VICTORIA SIBLEY AND PREPARED BY: REBECCA CECIL, BOARD SECRETARY
➢ Motion to return to Open Session. Motion by ECL 2nd by SM. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

➢ Motion to approve the slate of candidates as discussed in closed session. Motion by: SM, 2nd by: ECL. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

➢ Motion to approve the amended budget for 2016-2017 as discussed in closed session. Motion by: KP, 2nd by: MS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

➢ Motion to adjourn. Motion by LG 2nd by SM MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

- PACE Meeting – January 17, 2016 at 6 pm.
- Donate to ArtSpace Vision Fund!
- January 2: Workday (no students)
- January 3: Students return
- January 3: Faculty & Staff Meeting - Please remember to sign-up to attend a meeting
- January 10: Team Meetings
- January 11: Noon-Dismissal (no PD, work on report cards)
- January 16: MLK Holiday, No School
- January 17: Faculty & Staff Meeting & PACE Board Meeting
- January 18: Winter Arts Festival
- January 24: Team Meetings
- January 25: Last Day of 2nd quarter
- February 3: Report Cards Distributed
Director’s Report  
December, 2016

Acknowledgements
Thank you to everyone who coordinated and donated to this year’s Annual Fund!

Holiday Celebration
We hope you are all able to join us this Friday, December 16th! This year’s gathering will be at the home of Lucy and Pete Sawyer, 327 Hillside Street, Asheville, NC. Drop in anytime between 6:00-9:00 (or stay the whole time!).

Building & Campus Updates
- **Basketball Court**- In full use and we love it!
- **Field**- Grading, seeding and running path are finished. There is a repair that needs to made to the path after an area was washed out by heavy rains last week. I have spoken to our contractor and he is aware of the problem and plans to fix it asap.
- **Surrounding Spaces Improvements**- The sidewalk has been poured and most of the grading is complete. Some final grading work needs to be finished but we have been delayed by rain. Once this is complete the banks will be seeded. We are spending a little extra to add netting to these banks, so seed and soil will better stay in place until warmer weather arrives and the seed begins to germinate.
- **Parking Area** (facing field) – we have developed a plan for adding car “stops” to the parking spaces facing the field. The railroad ties that were there were removed for grading work.

**Staff Lounge Remodel Project**
A wonderful group of 8th grade families has been working on plans to remodel the staff lounge over the winter break! These parents have started fundraising for the project and have worked with Elizabeth, Thomas and myself to develop plans. The remodel will include: adding drywall to two walls, windows, backsplash, a reclaimed wood wall, barn-door style door for the closet, completely repainting the ceiling, walls and cabinetry, new furniture and fixtures. The plan is to execute the remodel over the break and surprise the teachers when they return on 1.2.17 (so please keep it a secret). It is going to be amazing! I am so very grateful to the parents who are
organizing this effort, those that will work over the break, and those who have donated to the project!

Here is more information from a recent email to 8th grade parents:

DETAILS: We’ll transform their break room into a rejuvenating, uplifting oasis. In addition to new drywall, fresh paint (soft grays and white) and handsome sisal rugs underfoot, they will have openable clerestory windows to let in bright daylight and fresh air, two massage chairs to relax in, with an ottoman, lap desks and blankets nearby. They will have new IKEA dining tables and chairs and a beautiful new coffee and tea service area. The kitchen will have a sparkling tile backsplash, task lighting, refinshed cabinets as well as new dishes, glassware, mugs, towels, etc...The rear wall will be covered with reclaimed lumber with a sliding barn door to cover the storage closet. It will be amazing!

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