

Horizon Science Academy

4801 Franklin Ave

Sept. 7th, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting to begin following the Horizon Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Roll call 11am, Board Members - Christine Hensley, Carrie Bening, Sue Cronin, Rod Hunter, San Wong. Zoom, Kittie Weston-Knauer Others – Laura Cannon, Sedat Duman, Chris Murphy, Serdar Kartel, Halil Dulgeroglu, Roger Brooks, Sunny Richer, Kenna Rasmussen.

Meeting Agenda - Approved

Meeting Minutes from Aug. 9, 2023 – Approved

New Business –

Presidential Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Board Member, Kitty Weston-Knauer. Kittie has approximately 65,000 volunteer hours of service. Congratulations Kittie!!

Parent Rep for School Board – Six parents have expressed an interest in serving on the board. There will be a Zoom with each candidate to go over expectations and criteria with each candidate. Written answers to questions will be due following the Zoom. Criteria include being a current Horizon Parent, experience serving on prior boards, able to commit to monthly board meetings, bring perspective to board meetings. On Oct. 4th there will be discussion with the board on candidates' applications. Board will vote for candidate at the beginning of the Nov. 1 meeting and then candidate will attend the meeting after vote on Nov. 1.

Horizon Board Committees – There will be two subcommittees to start this school year: Finance Committee and Outreach Committee. Finance will be chaired by Kitte and Outreach by San.

Old Business –

Principal/Superintendent – Laura states that Horizon has 89 students, K-36, 1-19, 2-17, 3-11. Horizon is 65% minority, 14% SpEd. Conferences will be next week. This is mainly an opportunity to get to know families better.

Emily Reiman has been offered a new position that will be combined with her current position at Horizon. She has the offer to be the Enrollment Officer and will start to focus on this part of the job if accepted in Nov, Dec, Jan. She will go from an 80% PT employee to 100% FT employee. There will be a pay increase.

Serdar – In the works for testing of students for extra resources there is some confusion. Is it through DMPS or the AEA. Our application to the Iowa Board of Education states that it is the AEA. Further investigation will continue.

Hy-Vee Food and Nutrition needs a minimum requirement for reimbursement. There will be follow up to this.

Before and after daycare is subject to a Fire Inspection and DHS approval. There are 24 students in need of before and after care. It has been hard to schedule these entities.

Felice Thor a kindergarten teacher, has been let go due to not providing a valid Teacher's License to the Principal and Superintendent. Brittany Swarty has taken on the kindergarten roll for the remainder of the school year.

STAR test results are out. Preliminary results have arrived, and students are testing high or low on the tests. Very few students test in the middle. There will be a deep look at these scores in the following week to help teachers and students. This test is given as part of the Compliance at the Iowa School Board. This provides good feedback to teachers too.

Furniture – There is some furniture on backorder and yet to be delivered.

Preschool Update – Preschool is in discussion right now, either starting the second semester or next school year. It will be for a 4-year-old class. There are discussions with the Fire Marshall and DHS. It is unknown if this will be a free preschool or a combination of free and tuition-based enrollment.

Reports –

Treasurer – Federal reimbursements are low for Title 1 are low per child. So far it is \$240 per child and that is below the budgeted rate Concept has calculated. This is being looked into.

In two weeks, it will be known if we got the CSP Grant. The ELL and SpEd reimbursement is unknown at this time.

Cash Flow will be under budget for the next two to three weeks unless we find other funding or reimbursements are corrected.

The bulk of bills are to Brown Winnick - \$36,000, Simonson – 53,000 and Lead Plan Learning – 26,000.

Sept. 25th – Shirts for uniforms that are on order should be finalized.

Fundraising opportunities –

There are possibilities for challenge fundraisers. Discussions are underway with Sunny Richer and Roger Brooks.

Board Reports – None

Future dates:

Oct. 4th, Board meeting @ 10am at Franklin

Nov. 1st, Board meeting @ 10am at Franklin

The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Bening – Board Secretary