



ASPIRE CHARTER ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 21, 2017

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Meeting Called By	Mike Sullivan, President
Type of Meeting	Board Meeting
Facilitator	Mike Sullivan
Start Time	6:10 p.m.
Attendees	Sharon Owen, Elaine Fitzgerald, Mike Sullivan, Tom Durkee; Pam Schenkel; Sheree Fox; Dave Herbster; Charisma Cyprian; George Miarcki
Absent	Michael Miller
Approval of Minutes	Motion to Approve the Minutes from the January 19, 2017 made by Mike after making a correction of we advanced some funds from the "reserved" account with the operating account, not the "charitable" account.

Discussion: Status of School Grade Appeal discussed by Pam. We received an "F" grade, but there was a mix up with this, and our response is due on Monday, which will happen. They will vote again after they receive all of the paperwork that they need. We should be an alternative education facility. We have a signed contract with the OCPS stating we meet the definition. We should have been assigned a SIR, which we feel will happen after everything is looked at.

Discussion: Budget: George discussed the handout. He was a little off on the state funding. But the expenses we did well capturing them and we ended up with a gain for the year. We are up \$91,048.00. We do have some purchasing to do that should have been done in June. The bonuses are not included in there as well, which is \$13,750.00. There is a new statute 7069, with many legal changes. It's hard to say how much of an increase we will get per student at this time. We should see an increase in our Title I funding. We built in a 2% raise for our staff. We are above the district level with our staff salaries.

Regarding our rent, we extended 2 years with an option for a 3rd year. The rent increased by \$3,500.00, the rent includes utilities as well.

Mike did some research on what type of facility we could afford with the students we have. We are hoping to get a number so we know what we could have if we wanted to own a building, or what we can afford for rent. What will help is that we have a 15 year contract for our charter school, which is unheard of, but definitely will help us get this information. If we increase children, with the fixed expenses, we will increase our numbers exponentially. It was discussed that we still would like to partner with the YMCA and have them run the building, not necessarily buy our own building.

Discussion: Current enrollment - we are hoping for 115 students. We are having only one first grade this coming year. Pam said that she will be meeting with parents more often because they need to be onboard to help teach our children so we will be able to make gains. We are not redoing our vision, we just want to serve our children better. We want the parents to value our school more. Pam needs to be more available to so we added to our admin staff to help with that. Pam shared that 78% of our students come from a single family home.

Discussion: Board Meeting Calendar dates: October 5, 2017 and March 8th, 2018.

Discussion: Holiday Program will be December 14, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.