

Armadillo Technical Institute

Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 2021

5:00 pm

MINUTES

- Call to Order: by Tom Sramek, Jr. at 5:04 (estimated time due to lack of video)
- In Attendance: Tom Sramek, Jr. Summer Brandon, Amy Godard Lora Phillippi Jesse Biesanz Steve Utt
Jen Brinson
- Accentuate the Positive: Video recording was not available for this section.
- Citizen Comments: No citizens were present
- Teacher Representative Report: Amy Godard Students are 2 days a week on campus. Students are learning stain glass, printmaking, making stickers, and screenprinting. Next week the students are starting the printing process (challenging without a sink). Overall things are going well.
 - Challenges: Having the same assignment for the kids that are in person and the ones that are virtual. Virtual learners are showing up and doing the work.
 - Jesse recommended Jack Langford's studio in Phoenix for Amy to check out.
 - Angelica wanted to report that Jeremy is doing the Chief Science Officer.
- Executive Director Report:
 - Teacher Appreciation week was last week baskets and snacks were put together to say THANK YOU.
 - There is a month until Graduation. Neighborhood is supportive of the graduation happening at Phoenix Elementary. There will be maybe 26 students graduating this year which would be up there with our records.
- Fundraising Report:
 - Request was submitted and supported by Senator Golden for 1.3 million dollars for facilities update. We will know for sure by the end of June. We have 2 years to spend it on 1 time capital costs (building updates). Senator Golden encouraged us to reach out to some foundations that may be able to help with additional funding.

At this point Tom asked to add an action item to the agenda. (listed below)

- Consent Agenda
 1. Approval of Agenda
 - Motioned: Lora Phillippi
 - Seconded: Jesse Biesanz
 - Ayes: 5
 - Nos: 0
 - Absent: 1
 - Abstained:0
 2. Approval of Minutes for April 2021

- Motioned: Lora Phillippi
- Seconded: Jesse Biesanz
- Ayes: 5
- Nos:
- Absent:
- Abstained:

3. Personnel Report There is no personnel report this meeting. Still trying to hire the AA position. All teacher positions are filled for next year.

- Action Items

- Declaring Leslie's spot vacant and removing her from the board

Tom asked for a motion to declare Leslie's spot vacant

- Motioned: Steve Utt
- Seconded: Jesse Biesanz
- Ayes: 5
- Nos: 0
- Absent 0
- Abstained 0

We now have 5 board members.

- Information and Discussion

- Strategic Planning Retreat

- Who: Summer will try to find a staff member to join the strategic planning meeting for a total of 7 people
- What: Strategic Planning Retreat
- Where: ATI & Steve's place
- When: Friday June 25th Evening at ATI and Saturday June 26th 9am -2 pm
- Why: Facilities Planning, a recap of what ATI has been doing for the last 20 years and strategic planning.

- Facilities Planning

- The grant, if received, has a condition to commit to use the current space. No alternative space has been able to be located that was cost effective and met ATIs needs. The site needs to be used better than we are currently using it. The buildings do not need to be saved, but the footprint must be used to utilize the grant.
- Anything over \$5k to be paid out needs to go out as a bid, but any volunteer services do not. Ausland Group is willing to do some visioning and drawing and looking at the site and donating her time, so we can start without having to send out bids. Everyone was ok with Summer moving ahead with Ausland Group's offering volunteer services.

- Enrollment & Attendance

- Enrollment is looking at ending this week at 74 which is below budget. Sitting for the year on average of 80 which is our budget. We will end under. We will hear in June whether the legislature will freeze our enrollment at our pre-fire level which depending on when they take the count will be 84 or 88, that would be great for us. We would continue at 3 or 5 years at that freeze enrollment to give the region time to rebuild. We

will end the year not making our attendance goal in our continuous improvement plan. We will need to address this in our strategic planning. Our goal is 65% regular attending and we have 53%.

- Graduation Friday June 11th 6 pm at Phoenix Elementary
 - BOD are encouraged to attend and if anyone is eager to shake the hands of the graduates that would be nice. We speak about every kid and have a reception afterwards. So who would like to volunteer to help out at graduation?
 - Steve and Tom would like to be a part of graduation.
- Next Board Meeting June 16, 2021 (changed from the 9th to avoid having a board meeting 2 days before graduation and during the last week of school) Everyone agrees. This will be a virtual meeting.
- Review of Next Board Meeting
 - Agenda items:
 - Student Investment Account**
 - Van Designs and look into businesses to hire to do this**
 - Steve will send out van designs so that people can come back with feedback or votes on the design.
 - Recruitment for new board members.
- Adjournment by Tom Sramek, Jr. at an unknown time due to lack of video at the beginning of the meeting.