

ARMADILLO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

School Board Meeting – 5:00 pm.

September 14, 2020

Minutes

Call to Order

- Called to order: 5:07pm
- Board Attendance: Tom Sramek, Jr., Jesse Biesanz, Steve Utt, Lora Phillippi
- Staff Attendance: Summer Brandon, Jen Brinson, Will Shapiro, Jennifer Schnell

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Modified Agenda

Motioned: Steve
Seconded: Jesse
Ayes: 4
Nos: 0
Absent: 2
Abstained: 0

Approval of Minutes for
Sept 16, 2020

Motioned: Steve
Seconded: Jesse
Ayes: 4
Nos: 0
Absent: 2
Abstained: 0

Personnel Report

Will – Interesting start to year. Faced with some unique challenges. Summer has interacted with SoEsd on some internet issues on campus. We have new garage doors installed and our campus resource center and laundry facility is now up and running and available to students when at ATI café. Cafe' is supervised (Billy Whaden / Jennifer Schnell) but not teacher taught, this is modeled after Phoenix High School. We can branch into classrooms as it grows, space is currently in the big room due to covid.

Full time (Billy Whade) mental health support. Available online and in person. Will introduce to each team online, Billy will reach out to any student that staff members think he should talk to.

Distance learning is presenting new challenges. Our model is different than hands on teaching as opposed to edmentum

leaning on own curriculum now, teachers using flip models, recording videos, asynchronous watch video, with additional support and instruction. Attendance has been up and down, and has waned since the beginning of year. Struggle of not having kids not on campus.

Accentuate the Positive

Tom: We are still here and doing productive work with students

Citizen's Comments

- None present

Staff Representative Report

- Jen – Wide range of students attending this year. Lots of referrals from other schools. Lots from Ashland High last year, still getting referrals. PHS has usual referrals. Quite a few brothers and sisters of older cohorts. Coming to us via charter school web searches, pride parade, ect... vast needs trying to wrangle on a daily basis. Distance learning takes more time , have to explain everything to each parent and student one at a time.
- Shout out to jen for revamping intake for distance learning.

Executive Director Report

- Summer – New staff members will be attending board meetings each term.

Conferences were last Monday, Reimagined in this model. Team leaders held conferences with each family (40%) to help connect attendance in PowerSchool, ClassTag (announcement program), Families can have a clear picture of where a student is in each term with face to face video time. Typical model challenging. Conferences again next term. Increase attendance of conferences, make experience positive and amazing for families. Families attend because they don't feel that they are under attack, but being celebrated for what is going well and opportunities for things to be even better. Thanks to Jesse for the basalt bench on campus in the pollinator garden.

Enrollment moved up from 71 up to 75, continued interest, hope to hit 80 quickly. Possibility of OR State and PTSD to freeze our enrollment numbers for the next 3 years. Our funding is based on ADM average daily enrollment based on last year's numbers, fire displaced 40% of students from district – impacting enrollment. Tricky all year. State break on funding to be able to keep services continuing until families can rebuild. Update at next meeting. ODE charter liaison is positive about district ruling being applied to us as well. Enrollment is slow but moving in the right direction.

Attendance 82%, would like it to be 90%. First two weeks of school we had no classes so - 100% attendance. Great first two week attendance, some dips since then. 67% first two weeks, 76% last week, lots of calls about how to access class, attend class, get kids to school, etc... Steady improvement and engagement in class. Need attendance to stay up or increase, 4 weeks left in term.

Data from last year's report card should be out today, numbers positive , ODE school report card 2018 data in report. 44% grad, 45% completion. Beginning of a good trend, graduated lots of kids last year, couple of years completion numbers could help with the district.

- Tom – freshman concerns this year? –
- Jen - only 2 right now, will trickle in over the year, more in spring .
- Summer – not a huge goal to amass a big 9th grade class, more effective in helping kids recover after they have crashed and burned and now realize in junior year that they need to get things together.
- Tom – Communicate boards appreciation for all staff work during distance learning.

Fundraising Report

- Birthday party postponed – recruiting Steve to get behind scenes work done. Soft start and then party. Interview with alumni, families; party in January maybe. So many neighbors just trying to rehome, tough time to make wishes for our school that is still standing, at least we can share stories of success even if it's not the right time for asking for things
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- We received Miller Foundation Grant of 10K to support covid expenses during distance learning (Hot spots, security chromebooks, programs and subscriptions DL teaching, student tech costs). They reached out to us this year, we did not have to apply. Real boon for us, shows that people know us!
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- Saved HSS money used for dropout prevention, Amy's salary is taken out of it, got 96K, only expected 76K – have more to help dropout prevention – budget roll out came out last month. Looks like we are not going to have to dip as much into savings as we thought. Better budget standing thanks to Miller Foundation Grant and HSS from legislature.
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- Kiwanis of Medford donated \$500
- Lyla Heigl donated \$1000
- We were able to give \$770 to each family who lost their home in the fire, thanks to donations to Fire Recovery Fund on website.

Info/Discussions

1. Board member training – safe schools – mandatory reporters – document completed training – 15 -20 minute requirement, video/quiz.
2. Unsupervised with student SB155 be aware of conduct expectations and reporting, brochure online training – board to complete
3. Distance Learning Update – Based on county numbers on verge declaring term 2 will be DL, districts impacted by fire will be given exemptions for in person instruction. Huge community spread rate, tiny staff, lots of kids on campus, not a good idea/ not declared yet.

4. 25 hot spots purchased, having some challenges with filters, we don't control access to google classrooms. 12 checked out to students – 13 loaned to PTSD, lost more kids to fire so they are borrowing from us. We can recall them if need be. Internet Café has 12 stations in big room for access or quiet space to work. Coverage for about ½ students. Hitting most of the needs.
6. Tom – St. Marks has covid capacity for 50 people, space for café if needed.
7. ^{Update} School Policies. Adjust for ATI, simple as putting names, replacing appropriate titles. Preliminary run at adapting, board to read, note changes, policies will be put into info and discuss and then adjusted to action items for the following month to vote on.

Next Board Meeting

Nov 11, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 6:00 PM

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