



Arizona School for the Arts
Executive Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting: 833 9042 1002 Passcode: 963466

Attendance (voting Members in bold)					
Dr. Anthony (Tony) Dietz, President	P	Carlos Contreras, Vice President	P	Dr. David Garcia, Secretary/ Treasurer	P
Dr. Javier Cárdenas, Past President	P	John Snider, Finance Committee Chair	P	Leah Fregulia, Head of School/ CEO	P

Agenda Items
School Opening and Governor’s Executive Order 2021-04
Community Health Benchmarks
Consideration of School Year 2021-22 Plan
ESSER II and III – School Needs & Opportunities
March Board Meeting Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to the Public • Mission Moment – Alumni and Savannah Saunders (BSU – Announcing Healing Histories) • Board Recognition • Discussion Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resource Development Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Development Dashboard ○ Community Health Conditions ○ Factors and considerations for planning next school year • Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committees and flow of information – role of the Board member opinion ○ School Opening beginning March 22, 2021 ○ Summer school and plan for bridging the achievement gap ○ Note – no other committee reports • Presentation and Board Development Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jerry Diaz, Geronimo Consulting and former Chief Development and Marketing Officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central and Northern Arizona • Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approval of February 22, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ○ Approval of School Year 2022-23 Year at a Glance Calendar ○ Approval of School Year 2021-22 Club Fees ○ Approval of School Year 2021-22 Opening Plan
The Executive Committee may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board’s attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to: ARS §38-431.03 (A)(3) Legal Advice

Minutes

President Dr. Tony Dietz began the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

The first item discussed was Governor Doug Ducey’s recent Executive Order regarding school openings. Leah Fregulia provided information on the impact of EO 2021-4 on ASA. Because Maricopa County is in the Substantial Transmission category as defined the by CDC and ADHS, ASA will open after Spring Break on March 22nd as planned in a Hybrid/2-day per week modality. The only change is that all grades will be in the same hybrid modality on the same day(s). ASA is also prepared to open fully, 5-days per week for all students, if Covid-19 transmission rates as defined by the CDC and Maricopa County drop into the Moderate or Low ranges.

Currently, Maricopa County is within the “substantial transmission” range and therefore the hybrid model is recommended for Middle Schools and High Schools. Leah shared that she signed a required Attestation from ADE that requires:

- ASA to stay open unless the ADHS requires the school to close.
- ASA to offer online learning for the remainder of the year.
- A 24-hour notification if ASA’s status changes.

Leah shared that ASA parents and the senior leadership team are planning a great opening day welcome back for students and faculty. We have parent volunteers and student Ambassadors assisting with the first days of school and the Ambassadors are currently conducting tours for students who have been enrolled all year, but never been on campus.

Leah commented that ASA will realign our benchmarks and definitions for school modalities (full remote learning; Hybrid, 2 day per week; full in-person, 5 days per week) with the most recent CDC and Maricopa County Guidelines to present at our next Board meeting.

The Health and Wellness Council will discuss the new guidelines and also provide advice and guidance to the Board as to how the school should open in the Fall. Tony commented that on the Board agenda, school opening in Fall would be discussed and potentially voted upon. Parents need some assurance that the intention of the school will be to be fully open next year beginning in August.

Leah shared that the school will receive considerable funding from ESSER II and III to be used over the next two years. The school would like to spend the full ESSER II amount for student needs – closing achievement gaps or social and emotional needs as well as capital investments in the school campus that will enhance health and safety to conduct ASA’s regular programs. A Facilities Committee meeting will be held in early April to consider the priorities and costs associated.

The Executive Committee reviewed the agenda for the March Board meeting and Tony said that we will offer an in person socially distanced. In-person March Board meeting. We will also provide an online/live streamed option. Board members will be polled to see how many people will attend in person so that ASA can plan accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 8:55 a.m.