



Arizona School for the Arts
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
Main Building, Room 111 or
Zoom Meeting: 892 9014 8734 Passcode: 262121

Attendance (voting Members in bold)					
Dr. Anthony (Tony) Dietz, President	P	Dr. David Garcia, Vice President	P	Betty Hum, Secretary/Treasurer	P
Dr. Javier Cárdenas, Past President	A	John Snider	P	Alexander Laing	A
Marcia Mintz	A	Kevin Allen	A	Allison Otu	A
Karen Lugosi	A	Dr. Ed Finn	P	Dr. Heidi Jannenga	P
John O'Neal	P	Yetta Gibson	A	Dr. Hazem Hnaide	P
Ricky Livoni, Honorary Academic Faculty	P	Jessica Elder, Honorary Arts Faculty	P	Jesús López, Honorary Alumni	A
Amalia Nevarez, Honorary Student	P	Amara Washington-Bess, Honorary Student	P	Leah Fregulia, Head of School/ CEO	P
Sara Maline Bohn, Principal	P	Elizabeth (Liz) Shaw, Finance Director	A	Leslie Tan Religioso, Development & Marketing Director	P
Drew Maxwell, Operations Director	P	Carolyn Smith, Executive Assistant	P	Marc Wancer, EFF	A

Agenda Items
School Year 2022-2023 Enrollment Lottery
Call to the Public
Mission Moment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar Ensemble Performance
Presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be SMART in Schools – Promoting Responsible Gun Storage
Board Recognition
Discussion Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Development Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development Dashboard • Core Equity Team Update • Finance Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revised Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget • Governance Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Officer Slate 2022-2024
Consent Agenda
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of School Report
Action Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of January 31, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes • Approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget • Ratification of the current COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

The Board of Directors 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

Board President Dr. Tony Dietz called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

School Year 2022-2023 Enrollment Lottery

ASA Office Administrator Jamie Bledsoe executed the enrollment lottery for the 2022-2023 school year by sorting the applicants using the Random feature in Excel in the presence of the Board and members of the public.

Call to the Public

Tony welcomed the members of the public attending the meeting and after a review of Open Meeting rules asked that any wishing to speak regarding an agenda item put their names in the Zoom Chat. As no member of the public came forward, Tony moved to the next agenda item.

Mission Moment

Fourteen students from Joshua Pierce's Middle School Guitar Foundations 4 class gave a live performance of "Tango" by Mark Houghton. This is the top group on the Middle School level and they will be competing in the first ever All State for guitar.

Presentation

ASA parent and member of Moms Demand Action, Dr. Marie Thearle, presented the Be SMART program, advocating the safe storage of firearms for school safety and the prevention of suicide and accidental shootings.

Board Recognition

Tony recognized Head of School Leah Fregulia for her advocacy and leadership in bringing the solar shade structure to fruition at no cost to ASA. In addition, she secured a \$75,000-\$100,000 grant from QCP to provide outdoor concrete seating spaces to be placed in the courtyard for student use.

Discussion Items

Resource Development Committee

- Tony introduced Leslie Religioso who provided an overview of the current donation dashboard in relation to last year with a breakdown of the donation streams and her plans for a push for tax credit dollars over the next several weeks.
- Tony commended Leslie and Min Skivington for the thoroughness of their Annual Parent and Family Meeting packages and excellent presentation and thanked the members of the Board who spoke at the meetings the prior week.
- Leslie then went over the available sponsorship levels for the 2022 Showcase, stressing the importance of members of the Board availing themselves of connections to bring sponsors into the Showcase fold. Utilizing the example of a \$2,500-level sponsorship, Leslie laid out the many benefits provided to sponsors for the investment as well as the \$37,500 benefit to the school should each Board member bring in one sponsor at this level.
- Tony then pledged a \$5,000 Main Stage Sponsorship on behalf of his company, Paxauris.

Core Equity Team Update

This discussion item was tabled until the March 28th meeting as the Board representative on the Core Equity Team, Alex Laing, was unable to attend the meeting.

Finance Committee

- John Snider reminded the Board that the finance reports for January 2022 were on the Board Portal for their review, noting that we are now past the 100th day of school, with a student count that is below budget for the first time ever. The average was six students below the budgeted 842 at a cost of approximately \$40,000 in State funding.
- The draft of the Revised Fiscal Year 2021-2022 State Budget was also on the Board Portal to be voted on at the end of this meeting. The revisions are a reflection of the State Legislature's budget vote

after the school's required vote in July. The changes will not affect the school's operating budget but is necessary for State filings.

Governance Committee

- Betty Hum and Tony let the Board know that the positions of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer for the 2022-2024 term were still available and requested that current members interested in stepping up into a leadership position should contact Leah or Tony.
- Tony and Betty stressed that the current situation emphasized the need to create a pipeline not only for Board leadership, but for future Board members, particularly with expertise in finance, the community/politics and the arts, adding that six current Board members will be rolling off by 2025.

Consent Agenda

The Head of School Report is on the portal for review and Tony noted that it was great to see the student successes listed in the report and wished Honorary Board Member Ricky Livoni success with the Mock Trial Team in their upcoming competition.

Action Items

Approval of January 31, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

John Snider moved to approve the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from January 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by David Garcia and passed unanimously without further discussion. [Dietz, Garcia, Hum, Snider, Finn, Jannenga, O'Neal and Hnaide voting in favor.]

Approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

John Snider moved to approve the Revised Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. The motion was seconded by David Garcia and passed unanimously without further discussion. [Dietz, Garcia, Hum, Snider, Finn, Jannenga, O'Neal and Hnaide voting in favor.]

Ratification of the Current COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

John O'Neal moved to ratify the current ASA COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by David Garcia and the motion passed unanimously without further discussion. [Dietz, Garcia, Hum, Snider, Finn, Jannenga, O'Neal and Hnaide voting in favor.]

Adjournment

Ed Finn made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by John Snider and passed unanimously without further discussion. [Dietz, Garcia, Hum, Snider, Finn, Jannenga, O'Neal and Hnaide voting in favor.]

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Minutes reviewed and accepted on: March 28, 2022

Signed by:  _____, Board Member