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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

October 19, 2012

10:00am – 12:00pm

### **I. Preliminary**

Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum – Fran Sterling opens the meeting at 10:45pm, Pete Piccolo, Ashley Tillman were present. Dr. Audra Philippon joined at 11am.

Approval of Agenda

Fran Sterling opens the meeting, Pete Piccolo approves, Fran Sterling seconds.

Approval of Minutes

Fran Sterling moves to approve the minutes, Pete Piccolo seconds.

Public Comment

No one present

### **II. Business Agenda**

September Financials

Tabled – Note that financials will be communicated in a follow up email.  
Completed Audit – not one adjustment made over the year, which speaks to running a tight ship, despite running a deficit.

Cost Saving Measures: Eliminating two full-time positions, reducing a third, managing payables, forgoing intended technology upgrades, reducing fieldwork, using administrators to eliminate outside substitutes and hourly workers.

### **III. Action Items**

Mission Control update (Board Recruitment)

Gave briefing – Pete Piccolo discussed potential sticking points about what makes AXL unique and how can we share AXL's attributes like the value of single gender classrooms, the partnership with Ashoka, and so forth, or get a keynote on education reform or showcase through the lens of EL in K-8 at a board recruitment event.

The board reviewed the recruitment letter. Their conclusion was they felt the focus should be on getting people excited about AXL instead of board recruitment. Fran Sterling also brought up best practices for sending emails and the group decided to send out email on Monday and Tuesday.

Audra Philippon shared about the Charter School Institute (CSI). Audra Philippon discussed documents sent from CSI. Currently we pay 5% in fees and then end of year get 8-13% back, because AXL is located in APS CSI would only take out \$108 compared \$200. APS takes out Per Pupil funding, and their would be slightly lower administration fees with CSI. AXL would not be paying special education costs and CSI would pay close to \$78,000 for special needs kids, get funding for our, get money for ELL – between the increase in funding and decrease in fees AXL would net \$350,000 difference in AXLs favor.

Fran Sterling and Pete Piccolo will figure out a game plan to support once meeting with superintendent occurs.

**IV. State of the School Report (Audra)**

Enrollment

School is down 5 FTE (because of attrition in 8<sup>th</sup> grade). Two crews have as many as 30 scholars to compensate.

Math Curriculum

Going to write own curriculum, have drafted first round of curriculum, meeting over break to write measurements, testing team teaching, seven people volunteering to continue working on this curriculum to get it done by the start of T2.

Mill Levy MOU

Audra shared about what the impact of the Mill Levy passing will be on Charter Schools in Aurora.

Recent Attention

Audra Philippon and Ashley Tillman discussed the interview with Ashoka about character and discipline and shared the details about Ashoka's Empathy Initiative.

**V. Executive Session (if necessary)**

None.

**VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Follow up with September Financials and any new information about CSI.

**VII. Discussion Items**

None.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Fran Sterling move to adjourn at 12:14pm and was seconded by Pete Piccolo.

Next Meeting:           **November 16, 2011**  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
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