

Syracuse Arts Academy Electronic Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 14, 2024

Anchor Location: SAA North Campus, 357 S 1550 W, Syracuse, UT 84075

In Attendance: Mary Johnston, Rene Dreiling, Jerrad Pullum, Nate Schow

Excused: Neil Garner

Others in Attendance: Dale Pfister, Judy Nixon, Rebecca Okey, Art Hansen, Dawn Kawaguchi, Reid Newey (5:36 p.m.)



The purpose of Syracuse Arts Academy is to develop respectful, confident citizens in a solid educational environment enriched by artistic expression.

Minutes

2023-2024 School Priorities

Schoolwide Unity, Cooperation & Collaboration

Expansion of Arts Integration

Maximize All Data Sources to Improve Student Instruction and Performance

5:30 PM – INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- Welcome & Roll Call – Mary Johnston

CONSENT ITEMS

- New Hires – Dawn reminded the board that this is an hourly agreement. The board will approve his lead director (full-time) position that will be starting June 1st in the June meeting. Mary explained to the board that they collectively agreed that Reid will start full time on July 1st but then Reid asked if he could be full time starting June 1st. Currently he is working hourly doing some prework such as hiring principals and training. Jerrad asked from some clarification on the work he will be doing before June. There was a discussion regarding whether his agreement is for 13-months or 12-months.

- Reid Newey – Incoming Lead Director (hourly)

- February 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes – There was no further discussion. **Jerrad made a motion to approve the consent items. Rene Dreiling seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows:**

Mary Johnston – Yes

Nate Schow – Yes

Rene Dreiling – Yes

Jerrad Pullum – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS

- Antelope Campus 2024-2025 School LAND Trust Plan – Becky Okey stated that they met with the community council. She and Art shared some data from the past two years with the council. Becky reviewed the first two goals which are for the elementary.
- By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, increase the number of students in grades K-2 reading at or above benchmark by 2%.
 - By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, increase the percentage of students in grades 3-6 that are proficient in math by 3%.

All their funds were going to be used to offset teachers and interventionists' salaries and benefits and purchasing an additional math software. Art Hansen reviewed the next two goals that were specific to the Jr. high.

- Ensuring academic success for all SAA students (specifically those struggling in language arts and mathematics) keeping them on track for graduation when they leave SAA.
 - ✓ We will increase language arts scores by 3% and mathematics proficiency scores by 2% on the RISE and Aspire Plus assessments for each grade cohort as measured from their scores the previous year.
 - ✓ We will reach 90% of all 9th grade students having earned a minimum of 7 credits of high school credit when they leave SAA.
 - ✓ We will decrease the number of failing grades in all classes by 3% from the previous year.

Art explained that by having a student success advocate to support and counsel with students, we have seen students have better success in their grades. We also have offer math and English elements elective courses and purchase supplemental online programs. There was a discussion on the advocate's background and benchmark data for the 90% having a minimum of 7 credits.

- Continue one-to-one Chromebooks for all jr. high students by providing all incoming 7th graders with a Chromebook which they keep through 9th grade. There was a discussion on each SLT plan composition.
- North Campus 2024-2025 School LAND Trust Plan – Judy Nixon stated that she believes that teachers should have a voice when it comes to improvement so she asks her teachers to give their input on what areas that they want to improve in. All her teachers strongly see the need in having math tutors so most of their funds are going to supplement those salaries for goal one.
- Math scores will increase on Unit Test (pre and post test) in 1st thru 3rd grade by 10% using MyMath curriculum.
 - 5th grade will increase Maze DIBELS score by 5% from the beginning of the school year to the mid-year assessment.

This goal will be done by purchasing supplemental curriculum and materials that focus on music, art and dance. There was a discussion on the ambitious goal of 10% and the focus on the 5th grade.

Jerrad Pullum made a motion to approve the following:

- **Approve the 2024-2025 School LAND Trust Plan for the Antelope Campus and**
- **Approve the 2024-2025 School LAND Trust Plan for the North Campus.**

Nate Schow seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows:

Mary Johnston – Yes

Rene Dreiling – Yes

Jerrad Pullum – Yes

Nate Schow – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➤ *Calendaring Items* – ALL

- Next Preboard Meeting – March 28th

- Next Board Meeting – April 11th

➤ Mary thanked Dale for his willingness to help with this transition and to Reid for his hard work trying to figure out the charter world.

6:05 PM – Rene Dreiling made a motion to ADJOURN. Jerrad Pullum seconded the motion.

The roll call votes were as follows:

Mary Johnston – Yes

Nate Schow – Yes

Rene Dreiling – Yes

Jerrad Pullum – Yes

Motion passed unanimously.