

Educating Hearts and Minds

The mission of Anansi Charter School is to develop the academic potential and emotional intelligence of each learner. We strive to promote the love of learning through student engagement, innovative educational practices and family and community partnerships.

Anansi Charter School Governing Council

Minutes- August 18, 2021, 5:30pm

Location- Anansi Charter School virtual meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER of the Regular Open Governing Council Meeting 5:43pm

Attendance: "X" indicates present at meeting

Officers: X President: Jake Caldwell [2018]; X Vice President: Iris Thornton [2020]; X Interim Secretary: Leilani M. Dean [2021] ; X Treasurer: Elaine Taylor [2018] joined at 6:0.5

Members: Aaron Livingston [2018]; X Amy Trevino [2019];

Director: X Michele Hunt

Business Manager: Ashley Woodard, The Vigil Group joined at 6:01

Public Attendance: Jeannie Ross

Student representatives: none

Leadership Team Member: none

II. Approvals (Consent Agenda)

A. Agenda August 18, 2021

B. Minutes July 28, 2021 Regular Meeting

MOTION: I, Amy Trevino, move that the Anansi Charter School Governing Council approve the consent agenda for July 28 , 2021, and the minutes from the June 16, 2021 regular meeting. Seconded by Jake Caldwell. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

III. Public Recognition and Comment(s)

Jeannie Ross, parent from 5th grade, brought forth concerns regarding bullying and punitive environment in the classroom. Jake Caldwell explained that those concerns should be directed to the classroom teacher and the school director.

IV. REPORTS [Highlights, Questions, Comments)

A. Leadership Team Report: NONE

B. Financial Report: Ashley Woodard, The Vigil Group

1. Budget Overview Summary Report

Ashley Woodard- The budget is healthy. There is an issue with a check written to Amazon for \$90 and cashed for \$500. The bank is addressing this issue and should be adjusted accordingly.

2. BARs: Budget Adjustment Requests (action)

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve Bar 0001-IB. Elaine Taylor seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

C. Council Committee Reports

1. Facility: (Michele) G.C. member needed to serve on the Facility Committee. [Inserted Michele's bulleted list from her Director Updates & Report:]

- Addition: We are at the final stage of the addition, as we are still working to get the proper cores exchanged in the locks in each of the new doors.
- Shade Structures: Still waiting for their delivery, seeking bids for installation
- Lighting upgrades: We are exchanging the oldest light fixtures to LED fixtures, we have completed 3rd-6th grade classrooms, we need to complete the Spanish room, then we will have completed our upgrade
- Time for committee to meet to plan for the next 5-year Facility Master Plan

2. Program: (Michele Hunt) tabled

3. Council Development: (Jake) Michele-Suggests board development training.

4. School Advocacy: (Michele) [Inserted Michele's bulleted list from her Director Updates & Report:]

- [Michele] I need to set up a meeting still with our Senator and Representative. I am intending to seek an appropriation to provide

a covered walkway with solar panels on the south walkway in front of the first and second grade classroom exits.

5. Parent Advisory (FAC): Friends meeting rescheduled for following week and nothing to report at this time aside from positive reviews with student Family Engagement fair.

D. Director's Report

1. Strategic Education Plan [Inserted Michele's bulleted list from her Director Updates & Report:]

- Tabled until September Governance Council meeting so that goals can be established with current baseline data. Students are engaged in testing over the next several weeks.

V. New Business

A. Policy updates (2021 Legislative changes): Information and possible action: No action taken at this time. Discussion included the need for a user friendly school policies that can be found on Anansi website. Board and director understand that strong clear policy is needed to protect staff, children and the Director. Members of GC will work with Michele to incorporate new changes into ACS policy.

B. School Model for FY22

MOTION: I, Amy Trevino, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve FY22 ACS Guidebook and Covid Reentry Guidelines with new updates to the school model. Jake Caldwell seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

C. FY22 Lunch Contract update- update tabled

D. Ratify 2021-2022 School Calendar

MOTION: I, Amy Trevino, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve early dismissal on Fridays for all grades. Elaine Taylor seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

E. Select and approve Bank Signers

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council approve the removal of Andy Jones as Signer of ACS US BANK account. Iris Thornton seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move that the Anansi Charter School Governance Council assign Jacob Caldwell, Amy Trevino, Michele G. Hunt, Leilani M. Dean, and Iris Augusten Thornton as initial Bank Signers on the ACS Centinel Bank Account. Elain Taylor seconded. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved}

VI. Old Business

- A. Recruitment for New Board Members -discussion included the barriers to enticing new members. How to pare down meetings? Change when and frequency of meetings?
- B. Governance Council Officers-discussion included revisiting legal roles and bylaws before new officers were determined.

VII. Executive Session- [Limited to Personnel matters, Student discipline-Director]*

(none):

- A. None needed

VIII. Items for September 15, 2021 agenda:

- Governance Council committee appointments

A. Roles and Responsibilities

1. Jake Caldwell - compile/review documents for discussions surrounding committee assignments, officers and will check in with Chris Wood and GC member Aaron.
2. Aaron Livingston -
3. Elaine Taylor – committee sign up, and will remain Treasurer through the end of the year.
4. Iris Thornton - committee sign up, policy updates with Michele, new board member recruitment.
5. Amy Trevino - Reach out to potential new GC members, committee sign up, and

review GC roles.

6. Leilani Dean - board minutes, member recruitment, and committee sign up.

7. Michele Hunt - Policy updates with Iris, coalition policy project, and review parent as partners paperwork.

IX. Final Comments and Announcements

X. Adjournment

MOTION: I, Jake Caldwell, move to adjourn the Anansi Charter School Governance Council meeting. Seconded by Amy Trevino. X All Approved {X indicates All Approved} Adjourned at 7:51pm.

President: _____ Date: _____