

Anser Charter School Community Board

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Date/time: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 Started: 6:00 PM Ended: 7:30 PM
Location: Anser Charter School
Purpose/notes: Regular scheduled meeting
Chaired by: Nichoel Baird Spencer
Minuted rec. by: Heather Dennis
Status: Minutes drafted

Attendance

Present: Nichoel Baird Spencer, Heidi Bauer, Leslie Brown, Christina Bruce-Bennion, Heather Dennis, Michelle Dunstan, Barry Human, AnnMarie Johnson, Tiffany Keeley, Maridee Lemieux, Caitlyn Scales, Staci Shaw, Nancy Tacke, Jeff Tonkin, Amy York
Regrets: Maggie Chase
Absent: Lora Breen, Angie Temple

Meeting documents

- 1718 Continuous Improvement Plan with goal outcomes.pdf
- 1819 Continuous Improvement Plan for board approval.pdf
- Anser Charter School Board Calendar 2018-2019.pdf
- Anser of Idaho Inc - Financial Statements - 6-30-18.pdf
- Minutes-2018-06-12-v3.pdf
- Minutes-2018-06-19-v1.pdf

Agenda

1. Anser's Mission

1.1. Anser's Mission and Vision

Anser's mission is to educate the whole child in a collaborative learning community where individuals are inspired to achieve their academic potential, be self-motivated and feel a sense of connection and responsibility to the world.

Anser's vision is to foster learning that imagines a better world and works toward realizing it; set high academic standards; promote creativity, discovery, reflection and balance; embrace diversity; and use developmentally appropriate practices and real-world experiences to educate within a climate of collaboration, community, character, and compassion.

Status: Completed

2. Standing Items

2.1. Introductions

Dan Coleman, Auditor from Quest CPA was introduced. Board members did a round of introductions as well.

Status: Completed

2.1.1. Hooray for Anser

Anser's 20th school year is underway. Staff has hosted 2 Back to School Nights, New Parent Orientation, and rolled out the 20th Anniversary celebration. New teachers and administrative staff are doing well. Junior High students were out of the building doing water testing and a homeless simulation in the very first weeks of school. Community members expressed how impressed they were as they worked with them during the simulation. The 6th grade rafting trip was a great success.

Status: Completed

2.1.1.1. Review and Approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the Prior Meeting (Action Item)

Review and Approve the minutes of the 6/12/18 and 6/19/18 meetings.

Maridee Lemieux made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendment of moving item 5.1 to place 2.2 in the order of discussion and to adopt the minutes of the 6/12/18 and 6/19/18 meetings. Barry Human seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Completed

3. Financial Resources

3.1. Finance Committee Report (Action Item)

Presentation of the FY18 Anser Charter School Audit for Approval (Action item)

Update on current year budget

Financial Training for Board Members

Dan Coleman from Quest CPA presented the FY18 Anser Audit. He noted that Anser's Fiscal Manager Tiffany Keeley was doing a commendable job of keeping Anser's financial records in good order. His recommendations included keeping up the good work, and to consider moving some funds to a different bank in order to increase the percentage of the school's funds that are FDIC insured. He also suggested learning more about LGIP accounts. Leslie Brown made a motion to accept the findings of the FY18 Audit. Caitlyn Scales seconded the motion. Approved.

Maridee gave an update on the current year's budget and the need to cut approximately \$75,000 due to lower enrollment in junior high. Staff had identified \$75,000 in savings and cuts that were shared with the board.

Maridee provided training for the Board on reading and interpreting the Anser Budget Report that is provided to Board members.

Status: Completed

4. Academics

4.1. ISAT Data Review

Review of 2017-2018 ISAT Data

Michelle reviewed the 2017-2018 ISAT data with the Board. She discussed the impact of cohort, and explained how to look at the data from a cohort perspective to understand where growth was or was not occurring. More comprehensive comparative data will be available at the December meeting.

Status: Completed

5. Integrity of the Organization

5.1. Elect New Board Member (action item)

Election for Jeremiah Shinn to serve on the Anser Community Board.

This item was moved up in the order of the agenda to 2.1. AnnMarie Johnson made a motion to elect Jermiah Shinn to the Anser Board of Directors. Leslie Brown seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Parked

6. Vision for Anser

6.1. Approve the goal outcomes of the 2017-2018 Anser Continuous Improvement Plan (Action Item)

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The goals and outcomes of the 2017-2018 Continuous Improvement Plan were reviewed. Staci Shaw made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Continuous Improvement plan goal outcomes. Leslie Brown seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Parked

6.2. Adopt the 2018-2019 Anser Continous Improvement Plan (Action Item)

Adopt the 2018-2019 Anser Continuous Improvement Plan (Action Item)

The 2018-2019 Continuous Improvement Plan, including student data and goals for the school year were reviewed and discussed. Edits requested were changing "GC" to "Garden City", to add a space between the goals of the Resource Development Committee and to add note that Amy York is the Family Council Board Representative.

Maridee Lemieux made a motion ao adopt the 2018-2019 Continuous Improvement Plan. Christina Bruce Bennion seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Parked
