

Anser Charter School Community Board

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Date/time: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 Started: 6:00 PM Ended: 7:30 PM
Location: Anser Charter School
Purpose/notes: Regular scheduled meeting
Chaired by: Caitlyn Scales
Minuted rec. by: Heather Dennis
Status: Minutes drafted

Attendance

Present: Leslie Brown, Heather Dennis, Michelle Dunstan, AnnMarie Johnson, Maridee Lemieux, Caitlyn Scales, Staci Shaw, Jeff Tonkin, Amy York
Regrets: Nichoel Baird Spencer, Lora Breen, Maggie Chase, Tiffany Keeley, Kristin Reed, Nancy Tacke, John Townsend

Meeting documents

- 1819 Continuous Improvement Plan F.pdf
- August 2019 Board Report.pdf
- Career Bio_Kristin Reed.docx.pdf
- KR Resume.pdf
- Minutes-2019-06-11.pdf
- Minutes-2019-06-18.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

There were no introductions.

Status: Completed

2.1.1. Hooray for Anser

Fall Retreat began with Adventure for staff. The year is off to a great start. Class lists were posted. The 4th-6th grade faculty and the Elementary ECS staff went to McCall for a retreat. EL 101 with new staff was successful. ECS staff retreat was also a success. Staff continued the practice started last year of making lunch for Corpus Christi shelter. 106 JH students are enrolled. Tamara Reames is off to a great start with Family Council as their new staff liason and support.

Status: Completed

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

Review and Approve the agenda and the 06/08/19 and 06/11/19 minutes.(Action Item)

Leslie Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the prior meetings and the agenda. AnnMarie Johnson seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Parked

3. Integrity of the Organization

3.1. Election of New Board member (Action Item)

Nomination and election of Kristin Reed to the Anser Community Board. (Action Item)

Amy York nominated Kristin Reed to serve on the Anser Community Board noting that Kristin will bring a wealth of non-profit organization experience to the board. Leslie Brown made a motion to elect Kristin Reed to the Anser Community Board. Staci Shaw seconded the motion. Approved.

Status: Parked

3.2. Discuss Committee Assignments

Board Committee Assignments will be discussed.

Maridee lead a discussion about committee assignments. She explained that the Executive Committee would make suggestions for committee assignments and lead a discussion on committees at the Board Retreat. The Board continues to look for another member for the Finance Committee to serve on the board. In an effort to have multiple perspectives on the board, the Governance committee is seeking a candidate that is not currently a part of the Anser Community.

Discussion was had that with so many processes going on at the board level it would be a good practice for board members to make other board members aware of their Committee meeting agenda items. Members would need to inform the Committee chair of their interest in attending, in order to make sure that the meeting is publicly noticed and minutes posted if a quorum were expected.

Amy discussed the founding of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee that will be a resource to the board to ensure best practices in support of all community members are embedded throughout the organization.

Status: Completed

4. Academics

5. Vision for Anser

5.1. Beyond20 Update

Question and answer session related to Anser's expansion plans.

Heather gave an update on the progress on the Beyond20 work that happened over the summer. Over the summer, the choice to replicate was researched and evaluated in comparison to expansion. After modeling many scenarios, and in conversation with Boise School District, it was determined that expansion would be preferable. Heather and Michelle attended an 8 week course called Change School that brings together school leaders from around the world that are working to make their schools aligned with the current needs of students and what they will need in the future. Conversations with Boise School District regarding revisions to the charter continued over the summer.

Status: Completed

5.2. Review and Approve revisions to Anser's Charter (Action)

Review and approve proposed revisions to Anser's charter (Action Item)

Revisions to Anser's Charter that included: The addition of offering Pre-K and 9th grade, taking over any necessary transportation related to Special Education, and revisions related to the provision of some Special Education services by Anser instead of Boise School District after the 2021-2022 expansion were reviewed. Board members had questions related to the verbiage in certain areas of the revision and directed staff to seek additional guidance from counsel. The board did not take action on the revisions.

Status: Parked

5.3. Review Continuous Improvement Plan document and process

Board members will review the 2018-2019 Anser Continuous Improvement Plan in preparation for adopting 2019-2020 Continuous Improvement plans at the September 17th meeting.

The CIP process was outlined and will be implemented at the September meeting.

Status: Completed
