SALT LAKE ARTS ACADEMY

Governing Board Minutes

August 10, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting - https://zoom.us/j/99617738247

Board Members Present
Anneliese Booher
Greg Ostrander
Jennifer Goldman-Luthy
John Bakken
Joy Pierce
Julie Bartel
Julie Livers
Kelly Goff
Leanne Hawken (via Zoom)
Lon Hunstman
Matt Nelson (via Zoom)
Rob Scott (via Zoom)
Suyin Chong
Tatiana Mixco

Staff Present
Deborah Candler
Jen Guillory
Jennifer Burrow-Sanchez
Katy Andrews
Moni Schwaerzler

Others Present
Jim Kreeck, former Board Member (via Zoom)

Note
Attendance of participants joining during the Zoom meeting may not be recorded above

1. **Welcome**
   Board President Lon Hunstman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. **Minutes from June 24, 2021**
   Jennifer Goldman-Luthy noted an error in the pending minutes that had been circulated. They reflect that she was in attendance when she in fact was not. With that change noted, John Bakken moved and Julie Livers seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Review of SLARTS Mission and Vision**
   Lon commented regarding his support for Deborah Candler as SLARTS' new principal. No changes to the Mission and Vision were proposed.

4. **Principal's Update**
   Deborah Candler updated the Board on her recent work meeting with faculty and staff, reading, and planning for an upcoming faculty retreat. In the near future, she will be working on a new 3-year strategic plan, as a new one has not been prepared for about two years. She will be focused on student-centered goals and noted that Transformation will be the year's theme.

Katy commented that much of Amy Wadsworth's prior plans has been accomplished, including student portfolios, technology goals, and ramping up student services.

Discussion ensued on a variety of topics, including: 1) incorporating an arts faculty/staff member on every instructional team, 2) enrollment numbers and the waitlist, and 3) mask wearing at school.

5. **Community Building**
   Katy updated the Board on community relations, including plans for parent-grade meetings, a February schoolwide parent event, and house parties to introduce Deborah to parents. Additionally, it is apparent that faculty acutely need our support and Katy will provide updates in the future on ways to provide it.

6. **Board Statement on Masking**
   Lon led a discussion on whether the Board should make a statement on mask wearing. Katy proposed we take no action now, as the local government is taking steps to alter policies and possibly require masking. Katy proposed we revisit the issue of a statement in September.

7. **Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund**
   Katy led a discussion concerning obtaining this funding, and the requirements for the application, including a plan for building up 'accelerated learning' by:
   - Focusing on social/emotional learning,
   - Teacher professional development,
   - Hiring additional math faculty to keep classes small and enhance special education,
   - Hiring additional special education staff,
   - Planning for additional after school tutoring with teachers, and
   - Continuing family education nights.

   The plan will be posted for comment for two weeks beginning August 30, 2021, then must be adopted by the Board. The Board will meet via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. on September 14, 2021, to consider it.

8. **Requests to Speak.** There were no requests.

9. **Motion to Adjourn**
   Julie Livers moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Goldman-Luthy seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed, and the meeting was adjourned.