Salt Lake Arts Academy

Governing Board Meeting Approved Minutes

March 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present	Staff Present
Abby Rizk	Deborah Candler
Anneliese Booher	Jen Burrow-Sanchez
Greg Ostrander	Jen Guillory
Jennie Stacey	Katy Andrews
John Bakken	Moni Schwaerzler
Julie Bartel	**Guests Present**
Julie Livers	Sarah Sandberg
Kelly Goff	Diana Cabralas, parent
Meg Orsini	Colonae Christensen, parent
Rob Scott	Amy Yuda, parent
	Jen Kous, parent
	Suyin Chong, parent

1. **Welcome.**
   Chair Julie Bartel welcomed all to the meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2023.**

Julie Bartel presented the January 20, 2023 Minutes for approval. Meg Orsini moved to approve them, and Julie Livers seconded that Motion. Those Minutes were unanimously approved.

3. **School-Wide Surveys for Parents and Faculty.**

The Board heard from Sarah Sandberg, a former SLARTS parent and former corporate consultant who also helped prepare a 2018 school-wide survey, and one distributed this year. The survey was given to parents and faculty. The response rate was better in 2023, including almost half of student households. There were also focus groups, many written comments, and follow-up emails. Sarah provided an overview of the results (teachers have already received an overview). Overall, the results are very positive, with parents somewhat more positive than faculty. Results from both groups showed a need for attention to behavior issues.

4. **Principal's Report.**

Deborah Candler reported on LEA-specific licenses (licenses to teach only at SLARTS). A handful of teachers are in the process to obtain LEA-specific licenses: Skeet Couper, Denny Jo Rowe, and Anne Mansfield. This requires Board approval. Julie Livers moved to accept these three educators as LEA-specific licensed at SLARTS—Skeet Couper on an ongoing basis and Denny Jo Rowe and Anne Mansfield licensed only this year. Meg seconded the Motion, and it was unanimously approved.

5. **IRS Form 990.**

Moni circulated the Form 990, which is necessary to obtain tax-exempt status. Meg moved to approve the Form, and John Bakken seconded that Motion. The Motion unanimously passed.

6. **SLARTS 24 Day of Giving.**

Katy reported that April 19 will be "SLARTS 24." She has a $10,000 matching grant in place and is hoping for another $2,000. She will send information to the Board to help advertise.

7. **Finance Update.**

The Board reviewed the proposed fee schedule for 2023-24. Notably, the Teton Science School fee has increased to $675. The Afterschool fees are depicted as though a student enrolled in every possible program. Based on positive survey

results, the UTA pass is included in the fees. Meg moved to approve the proposed fee schedule. Greg Ostrander seconded the Motion, and it passed unanimously.

Moni reviewed the other financials and the new Employment Application Policy. Meg moved to approve that new policy, and Julie Livers seconded that Motion. It then passed unanimously.

8. Land Trust Plans.

Deb reviewed the Plans from last year, and for the upcoming year, noting SLARTS uses all the money it receives. It is used for Jen Sanchez's salary. We saw testing scores rise in Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science, and will continue to focus on these areas with interventions and behavior tracking. Meg moved to approve the proposed Trust Lands Plan for 2023-24. Rob Scott seconded the Motion. A roll call vote of Board Members in attendance was taken. The Motion passed unanimously.

9. Business Manager Search.

John Bakken reported that the interview process is planned, and there are some very strong candidates.

10. Governance Committee.

Julie Bartel reported we have three pending Board applications. There are others who have indicated they may apply. One applicant has a company that does business with the AftersChool program. At the May meeting the Board will vote on the nominations, then Adnin will post the accepted nominations on the website for public comment. A final vote to accept the nominees will be held at the June Board meeting.

11. Requests to Speak.

There were no requests to speak.

12. Executive Session.

The Board moved into Executive Session to discuss feedback from the community survey having to do with specific individuals. WHO moved to go into closed session? Who seconded. Did you open the meeting again to adjourn – it seems tedious but that's the rule. Thanks for clarifying for the record.

12. Adjournment.

Kelly Goff moved to adjourn the Board Meeting. Meg seconded that Motion, which was then unanimously approved.