Salt Lake Arts Academy
Governing Board Retreat
Minutes
September 9, 2022
3 p.m. - 5:00 Business, 5 - 7 p.m. Social
1140 E North Bonneville Drive
To watch or participate via Zoom:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84987143800

Board Members Present
Abby Rizk, David Johnson, Greg Ostrander, Jennie Stacey, John Bakken, Julie Bartel, Julie Livers, Kelly Goff, Leanne Hawken, Lon Huntsman, Meghann Orsini, Rob Scott

Board Members Excused
Anneliese Booher

Staff Present
Deborah Candler, Jen Guillory, Katy Andrews, Moni Schwaerzler

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

1. Welcome **Julie Bartel** **3:**00

- Introductions - new members, new Board roles.
- Thank you to Lon Huntsman for two years of Board Chair service!

2. Minutes from 6/23/22 and 7/21/22 **All** **3:15**

- Greg: 6/23/22 investment policy vote - need to update members' vote
- **MOTION: To approve the minutes from 6/23/22 and 7/21/22 with correction above**
  Greg Ostrander moved to approve with correction to typo
  Meg Orsini seconded
  Motion approved unanimously

3. Housekeeping **All** **3:20**

- Slarts.org emails
  for all board business

board@slarts.org is just board members, not SLArts administration

- Governing Board Shared Google Drive
  Please look there for everything we do

- Accountability Matrix
  Reinstating to track training, attendance, etc.
  Links to trainings
  It's in the Governing Board drive
  To be updated each meeting

- Board Meeting Dates
  List is in the drive

- Committee Assignments
  Discussed whether everyone is comfortable with where they are or want to move
  Discussed ad hoc committee for 3-year strategic plan

4. Principal's Update **Deborah Candler** **3:30**

Thanks for being on the board - parent input is critical!

- Curricular Theme for the Year: "Understanding our World"
  Implementing 8 habits of the creative mind
  Different theme each month, plus focus (e.g. Black History month)
  Incorporate into teaching

- Three- Year Strategic Plan Development
  Includes a representative from each academic department
  Measuring achievement / academic success - multiple, authentic
  Using Acadiance for 5th and 6th grade - early, middle, late assessments in school year
  Differentiation and being trauma informed - big themes for faculty this year
  Serving needs of students needing extra support or extra challenges (differentiation)
  Portfolios for all students as they progress through SLArts career
  Covid threw us a curveball!

Note: 3:48pm - Zoom kicked us off - 40 minute max - We have a voice recording

- Strategic Plan Survey - Input from Families and Faculty
  Katy: Four years ago before Amy Wadsworth retired, we gathered input from families on their SLArts experiences and priorities
  Covid threw us for a loop
  Now getting back on track and looking for current input re: future, priorities, funding
  Using outside professional facilitator to help

Will be a valuable tool; Katy looking for board members to help.

5. Library Policy - Vote Expected **Julie Bartel / Deborah** **3:50**

- Legislature is concerned about “sensitive materials” in libraries and schools; requiring a policy
  Deborah has been in touch with the USBE person
  Policy: describes what our library is, how it operates, how we get books, etc.
  The Board is the review committee
  Will add policy to website and provide form for challenging material
  An amendment was brought up - Deborah will adjust

- **MOTION: To Approve the Library Policy as amended**
  Leanne Hawken moved to approve with correction to typo
  Meg Orsini seconded
  Motion approved unanimously

6. Finance Report **John Bakken** **4:00**
Moni Schwaerzler

- Moni reviewed notes.
  Emphasized eporting requirements - Moni does reporting, Board is responsible for ensuring reporting is accurate and that we are accountable to our Bond holders.

- This is Moni’s last year; we will be preparing a job description and posting the job opening early in 2023.

7. Thank you to outgoing Board Members! **Deborah and Katy** **4:20**

8. Adjourn for Board Social **All** **4:45**

- Motion to adjourn meeting and move on to social
  Lon moved
  Everyone agreed :)