

Knowledge Quest Academy (KQA)

Regular Session Minutes

Date and Time:

12/1/2022 at 6:30 pm

Location:

Knowledge Quest Academy, 705 Schoolhouse Dr., Milliken, CO 80543

Leadership in attendance:

Tauna Esslinger, Chair

Tish Thompson, Director

Chester Gemaehlich, Treasurer

Carl McCutchen, Director

Sheree Baker, Secretary

Leadership late arrival:

Leadership absent:

Gabe Thexton, Co-Chair

Samantha Hise, Director (excused)

Guests:

Linda Spreitzer, Principal

Isaac Korgan, Assistant Principal

Taryn LaVanchy

Melissa Miller

Laine Goddard

Jim Engels

Kristin Burke

- I. Call to order at 6:30 pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance/KQA Pledge
- IV. Approval of the Agenda – motion made by Tauna, second by Sheree, to approve agenda. Motion approved.
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. 11/3/2022 Regular Session – motion made by Tauna, second by Tish, to approve 11/3/2022 regular session minutes. Motion approved.
- VI. Public Comments
 - a. Parent’s comment regarding drone issue read by Linda
- VII. Middle School Team Presentation
 - a. HMH Literacy Program – poetry, informational texts, author’s purpose, novel studies, exposition, character studies, text analysis, vocabulary usage, argumentative text, grammar practice
 - b. Science – McGraw Hill Inspire Science – discovery/lab-based learning, water cycle, universe origins, solar system and relative distances, plate tectonics, food webs and food chains, cellular respiration, global warming and climate change, force and acceleration, gravitational force, comic strips on force pairs
 - c. Holt McDougal – exponents and variables, adding/subtracting/multiplying decimals, solving for variables, solving multi-step equations with variables, algebraic structures, patterns, and functions, abstract and quantitative reasoning

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- d. Social Studies – western world, ancient civilizations – Aztec, Maya, Inca, American History, learning about Malala Yusufzai and Pakistan
- VIII. Principal’s + Committee Reports
 - a. Principal’s Report – necessary furnishings and equipment on hold until budget amendment, successful basketball season, great turnout for volleyball tryouts, What’s Up Wednesday, teachers are working hard and morale is strong, CMAS testing in April, NWEA testing in May, punch list for expansion, issues with new HVAC units being monitored by Carrier with effective troubleshooting
 - b. Accountability Committee – UIP
 - c. Facility and Grounds Committee – need landscaping bid, final punch list, shingles will last 4-5 years and part of class action lawsuit
 - d. Curriculum Committee – K-8 math curriculum, K-5 math curriculum, 6-8 math curriculum, Middle School Social Studies on hold due to publishing delay
 - e. Finance Committee – October financial reports released, district is about a month in arrears, potential to move accounting in house, meeting to review audit on 12/6, will ask Bart to present at 12/15 meeting, will approve budget amendment at 1/5 meeting
 - f. Technology Committee – discussed scheduling meeting
 - g. Governance and Continuity Committee – board recruitment, workshop
- IX. Items for Discussion
 - a. Unified Improvement Plan
 - i. Pilot program canceled
 - ii. PTO heavily involved in community engagement
 - iii. K-3 reading and math goals will move to a 2% improvement, social/emotional learning continuation, wellness focusing on healthy habits
 - iv. Board to approve draft 1/5
- X. Calendar + Announcements
 - a. Lunches for returning teachers after the holiday break
 - b. Letter of resignation submitted by Gabe, effective immediately. Will need to choose new Co-Chair. Co-Chair will ideally move into Chair position next year.
 - c. Board elections occur late March, with notices beginning in January.
- XI. Adjourn – motion made by Tauna, second by Tish, to adjourn at 8:03. Motion approved.

Action Items/Directives	Responsible Person	Expected Completion

Submitted by Board Secretary, Sheree Baker