

Knowledge Quest Academy (KQA)

Regular Session Minutes

Date and Time:

Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6:30 pm

Location:

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

Leadership in attendance:

Tauna Esslinger, Chair

Douglas Chinn, Secretary

Sheree Baker, Director

Julie Maslowski, Director

Gabe Thexton, Co-Chair

Chester Gemaehlich, Director

Linda Spreitzer, Principal

Leadership absent:

Malyka Korgan, Director (excused)

Leadership late arrival:

Guests:

Brenda Chinn, Allison Herrera, Chester Gemaehlich, Kelly Johns

- I. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of allegiance/KQA code of honor
- IV. Approval of the agenda
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Julie to approve the agenda as presented, with unanimous approval.
- V. Approval of previous minutes: Tauna, Motion made by: Julie to approve the 20210805 Executive Session, 20210805 Regular Session, 20210816 Special Session, 20210903 Regular Session, 20210914 Executive Session, 20210914 Special Session, 20210914 Work Session, 20210916 Special Session and 20210916 Work Session minutes as presented, with unanimous approval.
- VI. Public comments: None
- VII. Items for Discussion:
 - A. Appointment to fill vacant director seat
Tauna initiated discussion regarding the two prospective directors and went over the expectations. Offered one final Q&A for each director and the prospective members. Tauna defined that each member will be nominated by majority via a paper vote, each director wrote a name on a piece of paper.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe, to appoint to the vacant director's seat to Chester Gemaehlich, with unanimous approval.
Welcome Chester Gemaehlich to the KQA Board of Directors.
 - B. Principal's report
 1. Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)
Linda initiated dialog regarding the KQA UIP and presented the summary given to the RE5J district board last night. Presented the framework for 5 UIP Goals for the 2021-2022 school year.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe, to accept the Unified Improvement Plan for 2021-2022 school year as presented, with unanimous approval.
 2. Other items deemed necessary
October count is 407 students for the 2021-2022 school year. This equals \$3,460,314 in PPR funding.

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eRate proposal for technology related equipment, Linda was notified that eRate has over \$3 billion available. Under the Emergency Connectivity Program, Linda and Dan are jumping on the wagon and seeking to pursue the purchase of more iPads and cases for approximately \$25677, plus Jamf Management for \$330, which will equal an out of pocket cost of \$2007. Linda is asking for approval to approve the \$2007

Motion made by: Gabe, Motion 2nd by: Julie, to allocate not to exceed \$27,000 for the eRate Emergency Connectivity Program, specifically for iPads, with unanimous approval. Linda thanked the board for their participation of the dinner meeting with the Weld RE5J.

C. KQA measures revisited

One recent change Linda implemented this year is to allow the middle schoolers to use the lockers.

Open discussion regarding a plan to administer covid tests for KQA student population. Linda will work with Marlene to research availability for tests and the administration of a plan.

Linda updated the board on the mechanical maintenance: MTech changed all the filters this week.

Open discussion regarding measures being and not being taken.

D. District updates

1. General updates as needed

Tauna updated the board on the Auditor's process and inform us that the audit is currently underway.

2. Task force report and District covid measures

Gabe updated the board on the task force meetings. The task force is made up of district wide staff, teachers, parents. In the meetings so far have introduced a variety of measures to be taken in response to the Covid pandemic. One tactic that rose to the top was a method of "in-school quarantine measures" to which the Task Force chose to implement. Communication will go out this weekend.

Gabe mentioned disappointment in the task force not earnestly discussing a leveled approach to scaling up, or down, preventative measures. He's still formulating a plan to introduce this concept. Gabe to share the framework to the board members (via BCC email).

E. Capital Construction update and Geotech recommendations

The committee received 3 proposals for Geotechnical Services for the new addition. The responding companies are: Earth Engineering Consultants, LLC, Ground Engineering and Kumar & Associates, Inc.. Each of the companies have experience in the area and with educational clients. They all proposed a similar plan of action and # of soil borings. Anser Advisory has worked previous projects with each of them. The Committee recommends the board approve the proposal prepared by Earth Engineering. They're schedule better fits our needs they have quite a bit of experience with Anser Advisory and their price is within an expected range.

Motion made by: Doug, Motion 2nd by: Gabe, to approve the proposal from Earth Engineering Consultants, LLC in the amount of no more than \$3200 for the geotechnical investigation for four proposed soil borings for the building addition, to approve the option for up to two soil borings if deemed necessary for detention pond for an amount not to exceed \$1850 and to authorize Douglas Chinn to execute the proposal giving Earth Engineering notice to proceed, with unanimous approval.

F. Access for financial advisor

Tauna initiated discussion in granting access to KQA's Infinite Visions financial interface to Bart Skidmore. This doesn't require board action at this time.

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G. Purchase of additional phones

Proposal received from KCG Communications for additional phone equipment in the amount of \$1923.00

Motion made by: Gabe, Motion 2nd by: Julie, to approve the KCG Communications proposal for additional phones, equipment and installations in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, with unanimous approval.

H. Sphero proposal

Request received from Amanda McCosh for a budget proposal for the purchase of 12 Sphero robots (programmed through an iPad) for the extra-curricular club in the amount of \$1800.00 or in the amount of \$2650.00 for 12 robots and a power cart.

Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Sheree, to approve the purchase of new 12 new Sphero robots and the Power Cart in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 from Rural Schools, with unanimous approval.

I. SEL curriculum proposal

Linda presented information on the Second Step SEL curriculum, giving a brief description of the features promoted by the Kindness Committee. Linda is suggesting a one-year subscription/contract

Motion made by: Gabe, Motion 2nd by: Julie, to approve not to exceed \$2,500 for a one-year subscription of the Second Step Program, with unanimous approval.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Doug, with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Action Items/Directives	Responsible Person	Expected Completion

Submitted by Board Secretary; Douglas W. Chinn