

Knowledge Quest Academy (KQA)

Regular Session Minutes

Date and Time:

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:30pm

Location:

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

Leadership in attendance:

Tauna Esslinger, Chair

Douglas Chinn, Secretary

Malyka Korgan, Director

Mike Bailey, Co-Chair

Gabe Thexton, Director

Linda Spreitzer, Principal

Aaron Hoyt, Treasurer

Leadership absent:

Brittany Vonfeldt, Director

Leadership late arrival:

Guests:

Brenda Chinnm Allison

Herrera

Opening Items:

- A. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Pledge of allegiance/KQA code of honor
- C. Adjustments to the agenda
Motion made by: Tana, Motion 2nd by: Aaron to approve the agenda as presented, with unanimous approval.
- D. Approval of previous minutes:
- E. Public comments: Brenda Chinn, Remote Fridays. Allison Herrera supported Brenda's comments.

Items for Discussion:

- A. Principal's Report
Committee volunteer request went out.
 - a. There are not any board election candidates at this time. Linda to send it out again, responses are due March 4th.
 - b. Sports team are up and running. Linda is hiring coaches, but with abbreviated season and sanitization requirements, Linda is suggesting paying them the normal stipend for the 2021 season.
 - c. CMAS testing moving forward, it is however required to be an in-person exam, so arrangements will need to be made for the on-line students.
 - d. Presented brief District report for the NWEA testing.
 - e. Special Ed. Student numbers are on the rise, Resource instruction staff are spread thin. Linda is suggesting we move forward with backfilling the current vacancy for the Resource team for the remainder of the year. This person would be under 39 (max.) hours under an hourly position.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe to approve the hiring of a Spec Ed. Para for no more than 39 hours, with unanimous approval.
 - f. Asking for future consideration for a plan to augment instruction to fill some apparent gaps in student growth and achievement.

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- g. Discussed strategies for enhancements to learning.
- h. HVAC Issues. Need board to step in and initiate action.
- B. Treasurer's Report
December and January updates.
- C. 2020/2021 School Year Discussion
 - a. Job fair is coming up, need to consider our upcoming staffing needs for 2021-2022 School Year. If we are to continue the on-line offering, we need to fill three-four open positions. We need to look at hiring a Tech teacher/Tech technician and an AP/Dean. Motion made by: Malyka, Motion 2nd by: Gabe, to continue the on-line learning option for the 2021-2022 school year, with unanimous approval.
 - b. RE5J District board approved their 2021-2022 school year calendar. Notably, they're planning on a full 5-day week. KQA will need to match their published calendar.
- D. 2020/2021 Budget & Salary Discussion
 - a. Staffing considerations, Tech, AP/Dean, 3-4 teaching positions.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe to move into C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (e)- Contract Negotiation Strategies, inviting Linda to participate, with unanimous approval.
Exiting regular session at 8:06 pm.
Returned to regular session at 9:02 pm
Motion made by: Tauna Motion 2nd by: Aaron to pass the salaries as proposed to begin with the 2021-2022 school year, with unanimous approval.
- E. Contract & Paid Time Off Regulation Updates
Tabled discussion for the next meeting.
- F. Committee Reports
Motion made by: Gabe, Motion 2nd by: Mike to switch the committee chairs of the Accountability committee and Principal support and school continuity committee, with unanimous approval.
Finance committee, Sue Smith will be on the committee.
Capital construction committee has one additional member, starting to make contact with architects.
Curriculum committee, moving forward with contacting curriculum reps.
Tech committee speaking with a potential volunteer just this evening.
- G. Board Management Software
Gabe presenting information and rationales for using a board management software.
Motion made by: Malyka, Motion 2nd by: Mike to move forward with a subscription to Boardable for an amount not to exceed \$1000, with unanimous approval.
- H. Playground Replacement
Mike reiterated the options given by our current provider with prices ranging between \$50 and 65k. Mike will work with Linda to look through the catalog of features and equipment. Prices include removal and replacement.
Motion made by: Gabe, Motion 2nd by: Malyka to approve a new playground for an amount less than \$66,000, with unanimous approval.
- I. Public comment discussion, none.

Adjournment:

Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 10:07pm.

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Action Items/Directives	Responsible Person	Expected Completion

Submitted by Board Secretary; Douglas W. Chinn