

Knowledge Quest Academy (KQA)

Regular Session Minutes

Date and Time:

Thursday, June 17, 2021, 6:30 pm

Location:

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

Leadership in attendance:

Tauna Esslinger, Chair

Douglas Chinn, Secretary

Malyka Korgan, Director

Gabe Thexton, Co-Chair

Linda Spreitzer, Principal

Leadership absent:

Mike Bailey, Director

Leadership late arrival:

Guests: Brenda Chinn, Julie Maslowski, Sheree Baker

- I. Call to order at 6:32 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: Doug, to approve the agenda as presented, with unanimous approval.
- V. Public comments:
- VI. Reports
 - A. Principal
 - a. School Calendar: Teacher return to work is set for a Friday, requesting to make it a floating work day.
 - b. Tointon Institute update
 - c. Discussion regarding staff retention, recruitment and development
 - d. Rural Schools balance - \$66k+/-
 - e. Playground update is underway, should be complete in 2 weeks.
 - f. Enrollment is at 392 currently, awaiting on response to 8 more offers. Middle school wait list is thin at the moment. As we get closer to the beginning of school, historically we get an uptick in interest. Getting the word out is key.
 - g. Discussed a marketing and rebranding strategy.
 - h. Summer School session 1 update.
 - i. Presented an offer by our liability insurance provider regarding a Communicable Disease Limit of Defense Application Policy. This offer is at no cost and can be added to our policy.
 - B. Committees
 - a. Accountability
 - i. Defining a matrix for student achievement.
 - b. Capital Construction recommendations for building
Motion made by: Malyka, Motion 2nd by: Gabe to proceed with Anser Advisory Group with the CMAR delivery method for construction and planning, with unanimous approval.
 - c. Principal's Support Committee
 - i. Investigating a modification (update/simplification) to the school dress code.

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- ii. Issued a staff survey regarding staff development.
 - d. Curriculum Committee
 - i. Investigating MS curriculum for History
 - ii. Investigating a grammar program (ELA/grammar) K-8
 - iii. Discussing the 2023 math rotation
 - e. Wellness Committee introduction and update
- VII. Board Training
Discussion regarding state funding schedule.
- VIII. Items for Discussion:
 - A. New director appointments
Open discussion and Q&A with potential appointees Julie Maslowski and Sheree Baker.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe to appoint Julie Maslowski to fill the 1 year vacancy ending in 2022, with unanimous approval.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Malyka to appoint Sharee Baker to fill the 2 year vacancy ending in 2023, with unanimous approval.
 - B. Financial service discussion
Discussion on itemized list of tasks/services KQA is seeking a proposal. This standardizes the Request for Proposal for each of the firms we are seeking.
Malyka volunteered to check references from each firms website and seek a board member contact that has direct interaction with them.
 - C. Internet security
Gaggle, monitors student activities for anything that may constitute a safety concern and or inappropriate search activities. Monitoring via robot first, then by human upon suspicious activity that has been detected. Gaggle contract is up, renewal is \$1925.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Malyka, to approve the Gaggle yearly contract in the amount of \$1925, with unanimous approval.
Securly, content protection/management, limits number of open tabs, allows to push out URL for student access to specific websites (during classroom instruction). Content Filter \$3080 and Classroom Monitoring \$2400 or \$4700 for the bundle.
Motion made by: Gabe, Motion 2nd by: Tauna, to adopt Securly Content Filter yearly contract not to exceed \$3157, with unanimous approval.
 - D. Board calendar
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe to cancel the July 1st Regular Session meeting, with unanimous approval.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe, to approve the 2021-2022 Board Calendar as amended, with unanimous approval.
- IX. Adjournment:

Motion made by: Doug, Motion 2nd by: Malyka with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Action Items/Directives	Responsible Person	Expected Completion

Submitted by Board Secretary; Douglas W. Chinn