

Knowledge Quest Academy (KQA)

Regular Session Minutes

Date and Time:

Thursday, August 8, 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

Julie Maslowski, Director

Gabe Thexton, Co-Chair

Linda Spreitzer, Principal

Leadership absent:

Sheree Baker, Director (excused)

Leadership late arrival:

Guests:

Nick and Lauren McCandless, Isaac Korgan, Brenda Chinn, Amanda Chisholm

- 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: Doug, to approve the agenda as amended (VII(H)), with unanimous approval.
- V. Approval of previous minutes:
Motion made by: Gabe, Motion 2nd by: Malyka to approve the Regular Session Minutes for July 15, 2021 as amended, with unanimous approval.
- VI. Public comments: Nick McCandless.
- VII. Items for Discussion:
 - A. Principal report
Staffing is now set. New hires: Science instructor, 2nd grade instructor and Paraprofessionals. Counseling position still open, Linda got a volunteer for 200 hours.
KQA is a candidate for a service provider, Americorps Tutoring
We're full with practicum teachers for the year.
Enrollment at 398 currently, several offers for openings have been extended.
Unite to Ignite program is Saturday morning near the YMCA.
Flexible divider arrived damaged, Linda is working with the supplier to remedy the situation.
Water bill: Linda exploring a grant to support the purchase of a non-potable tap for our irrigation, provided the Town cooperates.
Introducing a streamlined K-5 report card process to be initiated by staff in conjunction with the accountability committee.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe to change of venue for the Work session meeting on the 16th of September will be at Benson Park Sculptor Garden in Loveland, with unanimous approval.
District Board meeting September 23rd at 6:00 will be at KQA.
Bart Skidmore, KQAs new financial advisor made his initial visit to the school this afternoon.
 - B. Personnel discussion
Tauna initiated discussion regarding the salary schedule, full-time Paraprofessionals (Para) are not classified on a specific salary schedule. KQA has a schedule based on hourly rates for part-

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time paras, just not for full-time paras.

Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Malyka, to remove “part-time” from the 2021-2022 Hourly Pay Schedule for instructional paraprofessionals and special education paraprofessionals (category 1 and 2 respectively), with unanimous approval.

Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Malyka to move into Executive session under C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (e)-Contract Negotiation Strategies, with unanimous approval. Exited Regular Session at 7:23

Return to Regular Session at 7:40 pm.

Motion made by: Gabe, Motion 2nd by: Julie to add one full-time paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 SY, with unanimous approval.

C. Capital Construction Committee

Motion made by: Doug, Motion 2nd by: Gabe, to, pending a review of the contract provided by Anser Advisory by our Lawyer, begin a contractual relationship with Anser Advisory, with unanimous approval.

D. Rural schools

Tabled to next meeting.

E. Wellness committee update

Brenda, Introduced Colorado Healthy Schools :Smart Source”, which is a survey the committee wishes to present to the staff (only).

F. Mystery science request

Brenda presented Mystery Science as a subscription based augmentation of our science program. For a school a standalone subscription is \$1400/year, however the District has a subscription. Brenda is inquiring with them to possibly tack on to their subscription.

G. Board introduction letter to parents.

Tauna is asking for Short Bios and a photograph from each Board Member

H. *Accountability committee update*

Malyka reports on the volunteer initiative. The committee discussed the number of hours needed by students, parents, guardians, the methods of achieving their hours and a method of tracking hours.

Malyka suggested setting up a table at back to school night spotlighting the active committees, PTO and the board

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Doug with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Action Items/Directives	Responsible Person	Expected Completion
Review all salary schedules	Board	pending
Write a short bio and provide a picture	All	8/9
Compile a list of active committees and groups	Malyka	8/12

Submitted by Board Secretary; Douglas W. Chinn