

# Knowledge Quest Academy (KQA)

## Regular Session Minutes

### Date and Time:

1/16/2025 at 5:30 pm

### Location:

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

### Leadership in attendance:

Chester Gemaehlich,	Chair	Sara George,	Director
Tish Thompson,	Co-Chair	Carl McCutchen,	Director
Samantha Hise,	Treasurer		

### Leadership late arrival:

### Leadership absent:

### Guests:

Janie Vigil  
Amanda McCosh  
Jennifer Engels  
Rod Hise  
Linda Spreitzer  
Michael Baldino  
Brenda Chinn  
Emily Payas  
Tracie Johnson  
Shaye Waller  
Alicia Rausch  
Isaac Korgan

- I. Call to order at 5:33 PM
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance/KQA Pledge
- IV. Approval of the Agenda  
Chester made a motion to approve the agenda. Samantha seconded. Unanimously passed.
- V. Public Comment  
There is no public comment.

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### VI. Head of School Work Session

The hiring committee discussed some of the resumes and candidates that have been received so far. The committee decided to leave the position open for now and begin interviews. Interviews will be scheduled later in the month.

### VII. Principal Reports

Mr. Johnson received a \$10,000 grant for Project Lead the Way for training or lab supplies.

Linda is working on a flier to advertise the school to assist in boosting enrollment. She also mentioned she is exploring some other forms of advertising.

### VIII. Items of Discussion

#### a. Intermediate Staff Presentation (3rd, 4th, and 5th grades)

The intermediate team presented an update about student progress and programs within their respective grade levels, particularly in regards to writing.

#### b. Budget Resolution

The total appropriation for the budget has been revised to \$5,790,909 from \$5,747,537. This was due to lower enrollment.

Samantha made a motion to approve the revised total appropriation of the budget to be \$5,790,909. Sara seconded. Unanimously approved.

#### c. Camera Proposal

Isaac provided a proposal to outfit the remaining classrooms with cameras. The proposal was tabled to send to the Finance Committee to ascertain if there is enough funding within the budget.

#### d. Board Election Calendar

The Board reviewed the upcoming election calendar for the three available Board positions.

Chester made a motion to approve the Board election calendar as presented. Samantha seconded. Unanimously approved.

Chester made a motion to approve Luann Bernard as the 2025 Board election chair. Tish seconded. Unanimously approved.

#### e. CLCS Conference

The Colorado League of Charter Schools is on February 26th thru 28th. Isaac will be attending the conference and will report back to the Board.

#### f. Kindergarten Lottery

The kindergarten lottery will be held during the Board meeting on February 6th, 2025.

#### g. 2025/2026 Salary

The Board discussed the expected per-pupil-projection. Preliminary data shows a 1.5 to 2 percent rise in PPR for the 2025-26 school year. The Finance committee will talk with the accountant to identify how much, if any, salaries can rise for the upcoming school year. The Board will revisit the topic during the next meeting.

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### **IX. Adjourn**

Chester made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Tish. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by Board Secretary, Carl McCutchen