

AATF Board of Directors Minutes
April 15, 2024
Location: In-Person and Virtual via Zoom

1. Call to Order

Suzanne Larkin called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Suzanne Larkin shared that our Board member, Earl Sturwold, passed away last week. In memory, she shared a brief biography and details of his time as an AATF board member/treasurer. In memory of his dedicated service to the Board of Directors and the numerous committees he was part of, the school will plant a tree on campus in his honor.

	Jun 19	Jul 17	Aug 21	Sep 18	Oct 16	Nov 13	Dec 18	Jan 22	Feb 9 Special	Feb 26	Mar 18	Apr 15
Larkin, Suzanne	X	Absent	X	X	X	X	X	X	Zoom	X	X	X
Bingham, Will	X	X	X	X	X	Absent	X	X	Zoom	X	X	Absent
Rouser, Janay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sturwold, Earl	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lastowski, Emily	Zoom	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	X	X
Maggard, Dana	X	Absent	X	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	X	X
Bussey, Rutland	Zoom	Zoom	X	X	X	X	X	x	X	X	X	X
Brady, Ryan	X	X	X	X	X	Absent	X	Absent	X	Zoom	X	X

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

4. Public Inquiry - None

5. **Minutes March 18, 2024**

Dana Maggard motioned to approve the minutes for March 18, 2024 as presented; Ryan Brady seconded; all approved.

6. Committee Reports

6.1. Financial Report

Dina Bardin shared that the P&L vs budget report was mistakenly printed with the incorrect date. A copy with the corrected date was provided this evening. Referring to the balance sheet, Mrs. Bardin pointed out that extra funds are automatically transferred to a high yield money market account and if needed the funds are transferred back. The receivables showing are mostly from Pasco County Schools. Ms. Bardin is working with the State to receive reimbursement for high school funds which typically takes a bit longer.

The P&L of \$553,000.00 includes donations to the Ag classroom, showing the expense but not the income. There are some fieldtrip income but no expenses as well as grant income without expenses. She noted that we are building up for the summer teacher payout which will be larger this year than it was last year due to pay increases.

The "Fill the Boot" fundraiser was down 67% from last year. We hope that other fundraisers will fill that gap.

A budget amendment will be presented at the next board meeting.

Janay Rouser motioned to approve the financial report for March 2024 as presented; Emily Lastowski seconded; all approved.

6.2. New Board Member Committee

6.2.1. Board Member Recommendation - Sean Douthard

The committee has been reviewing and interviewing Board applicants for several months. The committee is recommending the approval for Sean Douthard to join the AATF Board of Directors. Dana Maggard motioned to approve the recommendation of Sean Douthard as the new Board member; Ryan Brady seconded; all approved.

6.3. SAC Committee

6.3.1. 6th Grade Team

Danielle Altman - ELA, Kayla Rowell -Math, Shannon Jones - History and Donna Anderson - Science.

Mrs. Altman shared that 6th grade students intensify their reading with context and write essays to prepare for 7th and 8th grade. Vocabulary and Kagan structures are included daily in the curriculum.

Ms. Rowell shared that her students are firming up arithmetic structures and work on foundational Algebra. Kagan structures are used throughout. She further shared that math is a progression throughout all grades.

Mrs. Altman reported for Mrs. Anderson who couldn't be here tonight. Mrs. Anderson is teaching hands on with focus on vocabulary and text book material. Different animal cells were shared with the Board.

Shannon Jones shared that Pasco county teaches American History in 6th grade as a foundation for civics. Other districts teach American History later. The students are using a new nextbook with different projects (timeline posters etc.) to complete throughout the semester.

Electives for 6th grade students are: Ag, Keyboarding & Guitar, PE, Peer and Critical Thinking. Details of each course were shared.

Two 6th grade students presented their catapult project and explained the engineering and design process the students used to complete their project.

6.3.2. Healthy School Committee

Nothing to report.

7. Consent Agenda - None

8. Old Business - None

8.1. Director's Assessment - Suzanne Larkin

The committee sent out staff and faculty surveys and did not receive the response they had hoped for.

The committee is hoping to get the directors interviews done in May to complete the Board survey followed by a recommendation to the Directors Contract committee. .

8.2. Director's Contract - Will Bingham

Nothing to report

9. New Business

9.1. King & Walker Engagement Letter

Mrs. Bardin explained that King & Walker has done our audit for years and is requesting Board approval to engage them again this year.

Ryan Brady motioned to accept the King & Walker engagement letter as presented; Janay Rouser seconded; all approved.

9.2. PTO - EZ Clean Car Wash fundraiser

The Ways and Means committee met with PTO and approved the presented EZ Clean Car Wash fundraiser. The EZ Clean Car Wash has a Dade City and Zephyrhills location. This would be a year round fundraiser. They provide an QR code that can be used for single car washes only. This does not work on membership accounts. The school receives either 25% or 20% depending on the wash chosen with a monthly pay out.

Dana Maggard motioned to approve the EZ Clean Car Wash fundraiser as presented; Emily Lastowski seconded; all approved.

9.3. School of Excellence Designation

Mrs. Bardin shared that we were again nominated for the school of Excellence Designation for the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you all for putting in the hard work to receive this designation.

10. Individual Board Member Reports/Inquiry (Non-Agenda Items) - None

11. Faculty/Staff Inquiry (Non-Agenda Items)

Mrs. Gauttier is inviting everyone to join us for Family Night Tuesday. Besides the Take Home Dinner you can visit the art show, listen to the band performance and partake in the barn activities.

MS Dance, April 14th - The theme this year is Academy Awards. Students will walk the red carpet.

12. Friends of the Academy

12.1. Financials

Mrs. Fagan reported that the month of March was a good month with funds coming in from different fundraisers.

She invited all to come for the Take Home Dinner, art show, band performance and barn activities.

12.2. Clay Shoot Committee

The event was absolutely wonderful and very well visited.

Mrs. Maggard and Mr. Bussey reported that they registered 257 people for dinner with 160 registered shooters on 3 courses. Net income is estimated at 32,000.00, \$11,000.00 more than last year. She thanked everyone for their participation. The youth participation helped tremendously to make this event a success. Mark your calendar for next year, March 29, 2025.

12.3. Golf Tournament Committee

May 7 - Only a few spots are left. Hurry to sign up!

Brunch and Mimosas are available for non-golfers.

13. Date of Next Meeting

13.1. BOD 5-20-24

14. Upcoming Events

4-15 to 4-19 - Book Fair

4-16 - Family Night and Take Home Dinner

4-17 - Golf Tournament Committee Meeting 8:00 am

4-19 - Progress Report

4-19 - Middle School Dance

4-23 - 2nd Grade On-Campus Field Trip - Color Express

4-24 - Golf Tournament Committee Meeting 8:00 am

4-25 - PTO Board Meeting 6:00 pm

4-30 - Directors Assessment Committee Meeting 8:00 am

5-1 - Mustang Ball Committee Meeting 8:00 am

5-1 - Chipotle Spirit Night in Zephyrhills.

5-3 - Golf Tournament Committee Meeting 8:00 am

5-6 to 5-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week

- 5-9 - 3rd, 4th + 5th Grade Testing - Math
- 5-13 - 7th Grade Testing - Civics
- 5-14 - 5th + 8th Grade Testing - Science
- 5-16 - 7th + 8th Grade Testing - Algebra
- 5-16 - 8th Grade Testing - Geometry
- 5-16 - 5th Grade Field Trip - Wonderworks
- 5-17 - Dollar Dress Day
- 5-17 - 6th Grade Field Trip - Lakewood Retreat
- 5-17 - 3rd Grade Field Trip - Flying Squirrel

15. Meeting Adjourned

Janay Rouser made a motion to adjourn at 6:23 pm; all approved.

Minutes submitted by:



Emily Lastowski, Secretary

Date:

5/20/24