



**Board of Directors Meeting  
MINUTES  
Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2017  
8:30 am – 10:30 am  
AXL Board Room  
via: [\(712\) 775-7031](tel:7127757031)  
Meeting ID: 501-975-482**

**I. Welcome (N. South)**

- Called to Order - 8:30 a.m.
- Roll Call/Declaration of Quorum
  - Attendees: Board - Nathan South, Warren Smith, LaTonya Jackson, Amber Malin and Abby Kirkbride (by phone); Staff - Dan Cohen; G&G - Jason Guerrero. Absent: Jackie Ros.
- Approval of Agenda.
  - **Motion to approve agenda made by N. South; seconded by A. Malin, all voted in favor.**
- Approval of March meeting minutes.
  - **Motion to approve March minutes made by N. South; seconded by L. Jackson, all voted in favor.**
- No Public Comment.

**II. Agenda**

**Action Items for Vote**

**Monthly Financials (N. South)**

- **Discussion**
  - N. South provided a summary of the monthly financial, which J. Guerrero had previously sent to Board members, and which the Finance Committee had reviewed in detail.
- **Motion to approve monthly financials made by N. South; seconded by W. Smith, all voted in favor.**

**APS Purchased Services Options (J. Guerrero and D. Cohen)**

- **Discussion**
  - J. Guerrero and D. Cohen provided a summary of the Purchased Services options for the coming school year and made a recommendation . No formal action was taken by the Board.

**Other Business**

**School Report**

- D. Cohen gave a status update of Round II of iReady. In summary, progress for middle school ages have been significant, but the lower grades are somewhat behind.
- D. Cohen gave a status update on staffing for 2017-18. Fourteen positions will be open for the next year open. Many of them are new, including positions for art and physical education teachers. At present time, approximately nine of the positions have been filled.
- D. Cohen announced that AXL had received a Safe Communities Safe Schools grant, which is a multi-year grant to help implement a school-wide social emotional learning program.

#### **Director's Report (D. Cohen)**

- D. Cohen presented a brief report on the negative letter regarding AXL distributed in the neighborhood by Century Elementary. He noted that his response was to contact APS and let them interface directly with Century regarding this issue.
- D. Cohen provided an update regarding enrollment efforts and outreach to parents. Many of these efforts are part of a larger communications strategy that had depend on filling the role of Communications Director, which has now been filled by Emily Thompsen. Additional information will be forthcoming.

#### **Misc.**

- D. Cohen shared the most recent results of the investigation into the theft of AXL funds from its Wells Fargo account. The Aurora police have determined that these thefts were part of a larger fraudulent internet scheme that involved converting withdrawn money into gift cards.
- N. South intends to make contact with another interested parent who may want to serve on the Board and will provide an update.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Governance & Nominating Committee**

- **Discussion**
  - None.

##### **Fundraising Committee**

- **Discussion**
  - None.

##### **Finance Committee**

- **Discussion**
  - None.

#### **Action Items**

- The Board will be reviewing the revised Bylaws prior to the May meeting in order to provide feedback to D. Cohen. The revised Bylaws will need to be in place prior to the new school year.
- At the May meeting, the Board will need to consider dates for its annual training, which will take place in June.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn made by N. South at 9:40 a.m.; seconded by L. Jackson, all voted in favor.