

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
ARISTOI CLASSICAL ACADEMY, INC.
December 15, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Aristoi Classical Academy, Inc., charter holder for Aristoi Classical Academy ("School") was held on **Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., at the school, 5610 Morton Road, Katy, TX 77493-1971 in Classroom C1.**

1. Call to order and establishment of a quorum. L. Botond called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Also present were W. Clark, A. Hovis, A. Cox, C. Gillespie, A. Amboree, K. Locheed, M. Watson. D. Light joined the meeting via Teleconference.
2. Hearing of citizens. None
3. Approve Consent Agenda: Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: L.Botond Second: A. Hovis
Approved: Unanimously
 - a. Minutes for November 28, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.
 - b. Superintendent's Report
 - c. Financial Update from Business Office
 - d. Report from Budget Finance Committee
 - e. Report from Development Committee
4. Discuss and consider Board's vote to develop Headmaster Led Katy and Cypress Focus Groups.
Feedback given from Andrew Robinson suggested a need for more parent feedback. The focus group will be a headmaster led, delegation of parents, with a focus on suggestions in regards to facilities and future planning. The board delegate for Cypress committee will be C. Gillespie, and W. Clark for Katy. The committee will start with meetings once a quarter in order to ensure this remains a positive and fruitful experience for both parents and headmasters. Headmasters to provide feedback on topics they might pursue.
5. Discuss and consider results of Fall Benchmark Testing. Discussion began at 5:43 pm and ended at 5:57 pm.
Currently the use of Waggle is proving to be effective, especially in introducing fifth and sixth grades to questions that will be formatted similarly to the STAAR test. There is an obvious strength shown in the reading scores, but there will likely be some dips given the new test format (on computer). Both Cypress and Katy campus have been using computer class to prepare students in use of "click and drag" and typing in Google Doc. There has also been focus at Cypress campus on introduction of nonfiction literature in order to interpret STAAR test questions. The Upper school has been using the TEA website to identify the five most commonly missed types of questions, in order to reteach those concepts and skills. February is going to be the next Benchmark which will provide good insight into STAAR preparedness. There will be a district level meeting following those results to analyze data and adjust.
6. Discuss, consider and approve Strategic Plan update. LB

Scott Jofus has provided an updated Strategic plan with text that more closely reflects Board feedback given during the Board retreat. There is still some uncertainty with the aesthetics, and they would like some clarity on the timeline for completion. The board would like to see the final product, to be approved, by the end of January. Once the final version is approved it can be used for use in the capital campaign. There was also discussion, concerning the possibility of opening a new campus in the greater Houston area in Fall 2023. M. Watson presented a brief proposal and would like board approval to look at some properties. He explained that certain milestones would need to be met to determine whether a 2023 opening is feasible. The new campus will need to be placed in dormancy for through a charter amendment by February 1, 2023, if Board does not approve new campus.

7. Discuss and consider an update on the Cypress Campus, including but not limited to enrollment, facilities, renovations, leadership team and faculty. Following the December Open House, offers were made to applicants for open seats and there will be new students starting in January. Other families have been added to wait list. The Lawson Center is waiting on ADT to finish fire alarms in order to get occupancy permit. Requisitioning of classroom furniture and other supplies has begun.
8. Discuss and consider an update on the Katy Elementary Campus, including but not limited to enrollment, facilities, renovations, leadership team and faculty. Ms. Polvogt did a facilities walk, and they are trying to ensure uniform tile repairs, the stage has been painted, bathroom repairs have been completed, and the air conditioner is getting replaced. They have also been emphasizing the cross training of custodial staff.
9. Discuss, consider and approve facilities development plan or next steps for facilities expansion projects including a possible agreement with Turner Impact.
Turner Agassi provided a proposal which included funding in the amount of \$25 million which would include the amount needed to take out the current bond plus provide approximately \$14 million for new construction. The construction committee would like to meet with an architect to create three possible scenarios to use this money, in order to direct it most effectively. Turner Impact was clear that they would like Aristoi to be comfortable with the lease payments and there is some flexibility in the structure of those payments. To date, Turner Impact has provided the most promising lead for funding the next phase of the Morton Road campus, given the current bond market. The turnaround time for a construction could be within a year and they are hopeful we can use that momentum for future campus completions. Motion to delegate authority to construction team to move forward in gathering further information from Turner Agassi/ Turner Impact: L. Botond, Second: W. Clark, Approved: Unanimously
10. Discuss and consider teacher retention survey.
B. Davidson is on board with completing the survey early. It can be somewhat informal, with Administration to use whatever questions and format they feel is best. Will have something in progress by next meeting.

6:19 pm -D.Light left meeting

11. Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes: 6:21 pm
 - a. For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline of Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent. LB
 - b. Discuss assignment and duties of public officers. LB

6:51pm- A.Hovis left meeting

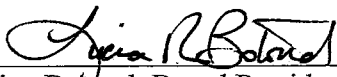
12. Reconvene to open session. 7:16 pm
13. Take action on matters discussed in closed session. - None
14. Discuss items to be placed on the January Regular Meeting Agenda.
 - a. Turner Impact
 - b. Fall 2023- New Campus Decision
 - c. Audit Approval
 - d. 2023-2024 School Calendar
 - e. CCMR Report
 - f. K. Belew TAPR Report- K. Lockheed
 - g. Discuss and Consider Fundraising Moratoriums

15. Adjourn at 7:21 pm. Motion to Adjourn: A.Cox, Second: L. Botond, Approved: Unanimously

Prepared by C. Gillespie

This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2022 as approved by the Board of Directors on

January 23, 2023



Lucina Botond, Board President