

University Academy Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Mayerberg Hall, University Academy

Present: (6)

Mrs. Katie Kwo Gerson, Board Chairman
Mrs. Shirley Bush-Helzberg, Secretary
Mr. David Dickey, Treasurer (arrived @ 5:20 p.m.)
Mr. LaRay Warrior
Mr. Jaron Ravin (*via Zoom @ 4:31 p.m.*)

Absent: (1) Mr. Bush Helzberg
 Mr. Paul Greenwood

Mrs. Rebecca Gudde welcomed everyone at 4:14 p.m. and gave recognition to the UA Wrestling team members Oscar Saucedo, and Selena Snell for making it to state competition.

Operations Report

Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Stacy Graff announced Jeremy McCalley as his EOM for February. Boys and girls wrestling has concluded for the year. The girls finished their season with 16-0, and the boys 17-18. Boys and girls basketball are preparing for Districts. MS basketball will finish their season this month. While Debate is still in progress, track, girls soccer and baseball have started their practices. Baseball games will be on our new *Helzberg Diamond*. During spring break the building projects planned are: to have some water valves replaced. We're still waiting on the roof survey before installing solar panels, and rewiring the band room and its two practice rooms. Mr. Graff reported the re-commissioning update for the HVAC system, with anticipation of a \$100,000.00 rebate from Evergy. The interior and exterior signs are looking to be up by April 1st. However, the exterior will not be completed. Working with UASF for the possibility of a Wee-Links golf course. UMKC will no longer be able to provide our students dental care on a regular basis. Currently in discussion with Swope Health to provide a dental clinic here on campus for our students, and possibly extend the services to their immediate family members. This will be a billed service.

University Academy Foundation Report

Mrs. Sonja Shaffer reports there are 16 MS students who have been awarded scholarships to attend summer camp. 20 US students have applied and interviewed for the study abroad program, 17 will be awarded. The invitation ceremony will be held March 9, 2023. The summer internship program gives students the college campus experience. The first round of internships has been completed. College incentive program awards for the fall semester has ended with over \$50,000.00 given. Mrs. Shaffer gave her report on college enrollments and graduation rates for the fall 2022 semester. UA foundation are currently working on campus visits for first-year students this spring. We had 18 in attendance at the last Monday's Mixer. The Spring Gala is Saturday, April 15. Invitations will be mailed within the next week. We've also launched the Alumni Giving Campaign.

Enrollment Report

Director of Enrollment, Mrs. Kellie Brady began her report with total enrollment is 1,080, students, 9 virtual, and 3 students have transferred out. The enrollment deadline for the 2023-24 school year is March 1, 2023. The lottery will be held March 3rd. Currently there are 573 applications submitted. 65 PreK, 128 Kindergarten, and 58 for 9th grade. 304 current parents/guardians have already submitted their re-enrollment application, that window closes Friday.

Board Chair, Mrs. Katie Kwo Gerson requested a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items.

Motion: Mr. LeRay Warrior

Second: Mrs. Shirley Bush-Helzberg

Vote: 4-0 Unanimous approval: motion carries.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Chair, Mrs. Katie Kwo Gerson called the board meeting officially to order at 4:33 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting and Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tyler Kemp presented his report stating January month ended with a \$78,000.00 loss, verses last year's loss at \$1.6 million. Revenue is up this year by \$1.4 million. Expenses are lower by \$75,000.00. Capital expenditures are also down by \$800,000.00. Due to some customer service issues with our current liability insurance providers, we're considering a swith to Assured Partners to be our new carrier. Our coverage will be the same, along with the cost.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mrs. Rebecca Gudde began her report announcing on January 28, 2023, UA hosted School Choice Saturday open house. There were roughly 125 families that participated in the tour. She went on to give the APR (annual performance review), and the MSIP 6 reports. Teacher's Amanda Adreani, and KaLynda Ruckman helped to start the Student Advisory project with upper school students to form a student advisory committee. This committee will meet with the superintendent once a month as a voice to discuss student needs, suggestions and any problems. Mrs. Gudde also discussed the Parent Forum that was held February 7 in the theater. A staff member has agreed to cover the front desk daily until 4 p.m. to help with phones.

K-2

Ms. Danielle Blackstock started off her report congratulating Samantha Poelker as her EOM. William Jewell College tour was held Febraury 21, 2023. These college students will observe lower school classes. We're hoping to partner with Wm. Jewell for their field experience, and student teaching. K-2's expectations for first and second grade student are to have at 80% or higher on their Benchmark. Data shows our students are heading to or above the expected percentage. Kindergarten's are showing they're in need of additional support.

3-5

Mrs. Aisha Smith began her report announcing Jessica Holmes as her EOM. The vision for all 3rd-5th grade students is to master academic, social, emotional behavioral and cultural competency skills to be prepared for middle, upper school and higher education. Every student in 3rd-5th grade now has 1 to 1 technology access. There are currently 85% or more students on track and showing adequate progress and growth.

Middle school

Mrs. Amerison reported her EOM Carl Stafford. Two of our middle school teachers have been nominated for the Excellence in Education award; Ms. Tenaya Rhinehardt, and Mr. Adam Blackstock. Currently Benchmark testing. 9th grade placement testing is scheduled for March 9, 2023. Our boys basketball team finished 1st place in their tournament. Spring sports have started.

Upper school

Dr. Clem Ukaoma announced his EOM Kathleen Hammond. Our DECA season has began with 25 memberships. 11 of the 25 students qualified for state competition. The RWL initiative with our Juniors client connected projects is Helzberg Jewelry. One of our Alumni Jada Glover is to thank for starting this task. During spring break, our NHS students will take their annual trip to Maryland. While there they will visit universities, and museums. The students Government EOC test scores were increased this year.

Old Business - None

New Business

Parent Forum Report, Dr. Nicole Price
Adopt 2023-24 School Calendar

Board Chair, Mrs. Katie Kwo Gerson requested a motion to adopt the 2023-24 School Calendar

Motion: Shirley Bush-Helzberg

Second: David Dickey

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous approval; motion carries

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, Board Chair Mrs. Katie Kwo Gerson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Board Policies at 5:37 p.m.

Motion: Shirley Bush-Helzberg

Second: David Dickey

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous approval; motion carries

Katie Kwo Gerson moved the meeting into Executive Session with no objection at 5:42pm.

Roll Call was taken.

Present:

Jeron Ravin

David Dickey

Shirley Helzberg

Katie Kwo Gerson

LeRay Warrior

The board had a policy discussion.

Katie Kwo Gerson moved out of Executive Session at 6:51pm.

Roll Call was taken.

Present:

Jeron Ravin

David Dickey

Shirley Helzberg

Katie Kwo Gerson

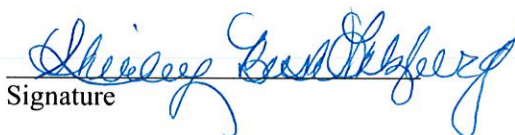
LeRay Warrior

Katie Kwo Gerson adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:52pm

Next Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

I, Shirley Bush Helzberg, Secretary of the University Academy Board of Directors, certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the minutes from a meeting of the Board of University Academy held at University Academy on January 24, 2023. The meeting was duly called, and held in all aspects in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri and bylaws of the school, and that a quorum was present.

Signature



Date

