



Atlas Board Meeting

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Board of Directors

Russ Kirk, Board President
Kwofe Coleman, Board Treasurer
Alice Dickherber, Board Secretary
Gay Lorberbaum, Board Member

Sonia Park, Board Member
Lorna Sanchez McClellan, Board Member
Mark Minden, Board Member
Scott Malin, Board Member

Meeting Minutes

Our Mission: The mission of Atlas Public Schools is to educate the whole child by combining a rigorous academic program with authentic, real-world experiences so all students thrive in middle school, high school and beyond.

Our Vision: At Atlas we envision a time when all students in St. Louis have the skills and habits needed to be successful in the 21st century, and where St. Louis is heralded as a model of a flourishing, diverse, and empowered community. We believe that high quality public schools will be the catalyst for community transformation that will result in a thriving city.

Salutation

Board President: Russ Kirk

Call to Order/Roll Call

Check-In

Public Comment

- No Unscheduled Public Comment

Minutes

- Review [MINUTES](#) from the February Atlas Public Schools Board Meeting

Board Chair Report

Board President Report

- Discussed recruitment of new Board members in preparation for when 2 Board Members roll off in June. Specifically, we are seeking members with experience in education, development and fundraising.
- Development/Fundraising Committee
 - Committee changes
 - Mark Minden will take over chairship of the Finance Committee
 - Kwofe Coleman will take over the Development Committee
 - Scott Malin and Alice Dickherber will advise the Development Committee.
- Revisit June Retreat Dates: currently scheduled for June 15-16 but at least two Board members have a conflict. June 22 & 23 is a good option for rescheduling the Retreat. Russ has spoken with two potential retreat facilitators.

Governance Committee Report

Governance Committee Chair: Alice Dickherber

- Governance Committee [MINUTES](#)

Finance Committee Report

Treasurer Committee Chair: Kwofe Coleman

- Finance Committee [MINUTES](#)
- February Financials
 - [Bank Register](#)
 - [Bank Reconciliation & Statement](#)
 - [Balance Sheet](#)
 - [Statement of Activities](#)
 - [Statement of Cash Flows](#)

-Financial position is strong with more than 90 days cash flow in the bank.

-Update on commercial real estate firm (Level Field) helping Atlas find a permanent home

-Discussion on Fundraising and which committee would manage those funds (Not finance committee)

Consent Agenda

Board President: Russ Kirk

- Vote to approve the following discussed items:
 - **Governance:**
 - February Atlas Public Schools Board Meeting Minutes
 - **Finance:**
 - January Financials & Bank Register

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Alice Dickherber

Second: Scott Malin

Consent Agenda passed unanimously

Executive Director Report

Executive Director: Colby Heckendorn

- Current Enrollment: Update; Recruitment systems are solidified and infrastructure for recruitment is strong now. Atlas has made the decision to bring on additional teaching assistants now.
- [Student Recruitment Dashboard](#)
- [Atlas Family Survey](#)
 - 6 questions and an opportunity to leave a comment
 - 95% of Atlas Families completed the survey. Team made a plan to get to this 95% number and executed upon it. These families are so important - we want these families to feel that Atlas is invested in their children.
 - 97% of families had a favorable response
 - Many reasons why these results are strong. Results will be shared with the internal team next week and with families after that.
 - Students completed NWEA, and data will be shared with the Board on 4/28.

Q&A + Announcements

- Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 5 pm
- Missouri Charter Public School Association's Doug Thaman's Retirement: Thursday, March 31.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn Mark Minden

Second Kwofe Coleman

Unanimously approved