

## September 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

The Cottonwood School of Civics and Science  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Sept 8, 2021

Zoom meeting began at 6:35PM. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM

### In attendance

Nels Hesseldahl – President  
Scott Kerman – Secretary  
Chris Beckley  
Sade Rivers  
Nicki Phelps - Treasurer  
Amanda McAdoo – Executive Director  
Laura Kropf – Finance and Business Administrator  
Susan Hathaway – Academic Director  
Community members: Amy Sample Ward

- I. Community Comment
  - a. Consider providing the agenda to the community ahead of time
- II. Minutes from August meeting – approved by board (motion – Scott; second – Sade)
- III. Required Board Member trainings
  - a. Nels highlighted the video trainings and the Acknowledgment Form for signature
- IV. Budget Updates - Nikki
  - a. No significant updates to report (budget vs. actual)
  - b. Reviewed Balance Sheet
  - c. Question about fees – Amanda reviewed prior year success with sliding scale approach. Not called fees anymore – called contribution.
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Academic Committee (Sade) – Plans to meet with Susan and Amanda to discuss academic goals
- VI. Executive Director Update
  - a. Reviewed the great work done at the work party
  - b. Half of the faculty are new and great
  - c. Reviewed plan for PE – Adventure Play (loose parts playground)! and Play Fit Fun contracted for other PE programming (PE meets Field Day)
  - d. Reviewed outdoor lunch plans and other COVID protocols
  - e. Contract with Aviva for DEI work and teaching MS art/identity/social justice
  - f. Asked the Board to do PTA and Board recruitment
  - g. Permitted to use the road behind the school for outdoor ed
  - h. Reviewed COVID testing pilot plan application
  - i. BTS Night postponed to Tues. Sept. 21 on Zoom due to conflict with Yom Kippur
- VII. Board comments
  - a. Congrats and thank you to Amanda, Susan, Laura, and the entire staff and teachers for getting the school year started

