

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

Zoom meeting began at 6:32PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

In attendance

Nels Hesseldahl – President

Scott Kerman – Secretary

Laura Stanfill

Chris Beckley

Sade Rivers

Emily Sturgess Cleek

Amy Sample Ward

Nicki Phelps - Treasurer

Amanda McAdoo – Executive Director

Community members: Emilie Schulhoff, Katt Beckley, Caroline Falcone, Shannon Oudinot

- I. Community Comment
 - a. Kat Beckley spoke about Friends at Cottonwood
 - b. Discussion regarding the relationship between the Board and Friends
- II. Minutes from November meeting – approved by board (motion – Nicki; second – Sade)
- III. Budget Updates – Nikki and Laura
 - a. No significant issues to call out
 - b. Projecting net income for the year
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Marketing Committee – Chris discussed the website
 - b. Discussion regarding the board retreat – set for January 29, 2022
- V. Request for Reserve Funds
- VI. Executive Director Report
 - a. New 8th grade teacher hired
 - b. Staff holiday party at school outdoors
 - c. Arts Park Run – made \$23,000
 - d. Susan is teaching 8th grade; Amanda is covering Susan's duties
 - e. Beginning to think about enrollment for next year
 - f. SIA Report – authorization by the Board approved by vote (motion – Nicki; second – Amy)
 - g. Playworks update – cannot get Playworks; must reserve no later than January \$50,000 for the 2022-23 year (\$19,000 from ESSR II funds). Board approved the expenditure from the budget not reserves. (motion – Amy; second – Nicki)
 - h. Discussion of weighted lotteries
 - i. Enrollment report – 196 current students; however, state funding is increased, so the budget impact is neutral.

- i. Board approved Plan B as presented by Amanda to not enroll more students for 2021-22. (motion – Amy; second – Sade)
 - j. Grant explanation sheet
- VII. Board comments
 - a. Sade recommends the Board send an introductory letter to new students
 - b. Discussion regarding next steps working with Aviva