

HARBORSIDE ACADEMY GOVERNANCE BOARD

Board Agenda

Tuesday, October 21st, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.– Harborside Academy Library

Call to Order: 5:35 PM

Attendance:

Ed Carlson (2024 NS)

Danny Carlson (2025 NS)

Trent Barnhart (Permanent)

Sarah Miller (2025 NS)

Samantha Padecky (2025 S)

Susanna Miller (2024 S)

Kristi Schaeffer Kleutsch
(2024-NS)

Amanda Robillard (2026 NS)

Mike Underwood (2025 S)

Kevin Aronin (2026-S)

Eitan Benzaquen (2024 NS)

Emily Barrera (2024 S)

Lindsey Fox (2026 NS)

Amanda Pulda (2024 – NS)

Heather Edwards (2025 –
NS)

Hrasha Sitamaraju (Crew
Council)

Heather Connolly (2024-NS)

Chris Lahti (2025-NS)

Doug Dammann (2026-NS)

Cody Ernest (2026-S)

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Kevin Aronin for May of 2024 and seconded by Heather. Motion passed.

New Business:

Update for 2024-25 school year (Informational Only) – Mr. Barnhart

- Staffing – Fully staffed for the 2024-25 school year. Logistical staffing challenges – 5 special education support staff over 7 grade levels. Primarily, we have 2 supporting the middle school and 3 supporting the high school levels. Our special education staff have been challenged to support students in core curriculum classes instead of a broad range, as was done in the past. We will, hopefully, be moving to 3 sections in each grade level to finish our transition to 85 students per grade level throughout middle and high school. It has required our staff to be more flexible, for example a middle school teacher might need to take on a high school class to fill gaps in our transition.
- Fall Camp – We went to a new camp this year. Overall, it went really well. The staff at the camp was much more helpful. It was easier sleeping arrangements with larger cabins available. Kevin Aronin commented that he really enjoyed the camp staff and was less pressure on them to provide activities for the kids. Kevin stated the food was good. Susanna Miller commented that there were more hands-on activities and she said the teachers liked it overall than in previous years. Trent suggested the possibility of splitting up the 6th grade from the 7th and 8th-grade camps, as the number of students was too large for the facility. There was one issue discussed about bussing with the middle school busses arriving late for the return trip back to school. It was also discussed about possibly starting school later for day after camps for middle school students. We also saved over \$12,000 going with this camp. Trent stated they would revisit camps in the spring to see what could be done to help out the numbers.
- HoS System – Reflected last winter about the possibility of revamping our HoS system. What was decided was to keep the system but differentiate by grade level what our HoS traits would

look like to different age groups and how they would grow in each area as they matured and went along in grade levels. Over the summer, new rubrics were developed based on reaching out to area businesses and comparing what companies look for in soft skill traits and what we were developing in HoS skills. The upgraded system takes those traits and spreads out the soft skill learning based on grade level. SOLOs (reflection sheets) were also redeveloped based on those new HoS skills.

- **Student Enrollment** – Our enrollment in August was about 600 students. Currently, we have about 570 students through moving, leaving the district, or other attrition. Because of this, our operating budget number was 589 students, meaning we are operating at about \$180,000 below budget (factoring in \$9000 per student given to Harborside). We saw fewer students interested in coming to Harborside at the high school level because we now fill our needs at the 6th-grade level. So, our school becomes a secondary choice for high school students. We will be attempting to fill seats through advertising and informational choice/charter school meetings for next school year. We have already gone through our 3rd Friday for this school year, so adding students this year would not help our numbers for this school year. Also discussed ways to get the word out there including Billboards, yard signs, talking to middle school students, specifically Lincoln/Washington, also advertising open enrollment in areas like Racine.
- **New Language to 1-year commitment** – According to DPI we cannot hold students/parents to the current contract commitment. We will be changing the language in the contract to be softer to allow parents the option to allow them to transfer their students to their home boundary school.

New Applicants interested in joining the Governance Board (Informational Only)

- Seats are currently filled. We have had two people come forward interested in joining the board. According to bylaws we have 18 members and we are allowed 21 voting members. That would be voted on in January.

KUSD School Board to meet with Harborside Governance Board (Informational Only)

- The KUSD Board would like to meet with representatives of our board on a yearly basis. They would also like to possibly attend our meetings on a regular basis. Trent spoke with a board member from KUSD today about upcoming meeting times.

State of District- Possible Referendum Coming

- Our district is looking into balancing next year's budget with a possible \$19 million deficit. An outcome of that is a possible referendum in the spring of 2025.

Set Future Meeting Dates and Time for 2024-25 School Year (Vote)

- Traditionally the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5 pm. Samantha Padecky makes a motion to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5 pm. Seconded by Sarah Miller. Motion approved.

Update from Governance Board President

- Ed has announced that this will be his last meeting as the Board President. He is leaving to take care of his health. Danny Carlson, as the current Vice President, will be taking over as the President until the end of his Ed's term. Ed has commented that he has been honored and proud to serve as the board president for as long as he has. He appreciates everyone who has served on the board and contributed to keeping Harborside running.

Upcoming Events -Information Only

- October 23rd National Jr. Honor Society Induction Ceremony

- October 28th @ 9:00 a.m. Red Ribbon Week Kick-off Ceremony
- November 6th and 7th @ 3:30 p.m. Student Led-Conferences
- November 11th @ 9:00 a.m. 12th grade Walk to the Post Office
- November 13th @ 6:00 p.m. Harborside Choice/Charter Open House
- November 14th @ 6:30 p.m. Band Concert
- November 16th @ 9:00 a.m. Harborside Choice/Charter Open House; Pancake Breakfast; Craft Fair

Old Business: No Old Business

Next Meeting: November 19th, 2024 5 PM.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Cody Ernest. Seconded by Samantha Padecky . Adjourned 6:43 PM.