

The logo for Harborside Academy Governance Board. It features a stylized lighthouse icon to the left of the text. The text is arranged in three lines: "HARBORSIDE ACADEMY" in a small, dark blue, sans-serif font; "GOVERNANCE" in a large, bold, dark blue, serif font; and "BOARD" in a medium-sized, dark blue, serif font below "GOVERNANCE".

# HARBORSIDE ACADEMY GOVERNANCE BOARD

## Board Agenda

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. – Harborside Academy Library

### Call to Order:

### Attendance:

**Eitan Benzaquen (2025 NS)**  
**Danny Carlson (2025 NS)**  
**Trent Barnhart (Permanent)**  
**Sarah Miller (2025 NS)**  
**Samantha Padecky (2025 S)**  
**Susanna Miller (2027 S)**  
**Laura Gregorski (2027-NS)**  
**Amanda Robillard (2026 NS)**

**Mike Underwood (2025 S)**  
**Kevin Aronin (2026-S)**  
Vacant (2027 NS)  
**Emily Barrera (2027 S)**  
Lindsey Fox (2026 NS)  
Vacant (2027 – NS)  
**Heather Edwards (2025 – NS)**

**Hrasha Sitamaraju (Crew Council)**  
Vacant (2027-NS)  
Chris Lahti (2025-NS)  
**Doug Dammann (2026-NS)**  
Cody Ernest (2026-S)

### Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Samantha P, seconded by Mike U. Approved

### New Business:

Welcome and Board Introductions: Welcome of Laura to the board. Introductions by the board members. Reminder, we do have 3 current vacancies on the board and please spread the word. We do not need to wait to the annual meeting to fill a vacant seat.

### Referendum Update/What comes next?

The Referendum did not pass. There are many items that are still up for question now knowing that the funding will not be available to close the deficits. This coming year the deficit is larger than the previous year so adjustments should be expected. It is not completely clear what those items will be and there is no initial news that has been shared on any impact that would be brought to Harborside.

Board discussion followed with a few hypothetical examples of changes that could be expected shared. We will do our best to be in communication and a part of the conversations with KUSD administrators and the KUSD Board.

### Professional Learning Days

KUSD has historically had 4 Professional Learning Day (PD) per year. This shifted to 4 half days of PD and ½ days of teacher work days around the time of COVID. There is also a restriction where training must be completed in the state of WI. We are discussing the idea of Harborside going back to 4 full days of PD and removing the ½ day workday. This would allow Harborside Teachers a better opportunity for EL Learning. It is currently very difficult to get meaningful EL training and PD in a ½ day. It is difficult to complete any of this training in such a short time. A full day would have a much larger impact. Looking for input from staff on the board. Discussion from the board around the topic proceeded.

The board will review and possibly vote on making a change to 4 Full professional learning days rather than splitting these into ½ days with a teacher work day at the next Board meeting.

### **Requiring Public Speaking as an Elective Credit**

It was brought up that because of the amount of public speaking that Harborside Students need to participate in that requiring Public Speaking as an elective may make sense and be valuable to the students. Harsha brought his opinion on this change and does agree that this would be a beneficial class. Discussion followed on pro's and cons around making it required.

There are many large group speaking opportunities and culminating events and passages. A suggestion to bring back the content and objective of the course and possibly review the course prior to voting on making this a requirement. Possibly making a few adjustments to the course could be made so it was more than just Public Speaking. Another path could be to add public speaking into RISE. More conversation will be needed.

### **Upcoming Events -Information Only**

- February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> grade Celebration of Learning
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Harborside Foundation Bowl-a-thon
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – NHS Blood Drive in Harborside Gymnasium
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Drop In Conferences

### **Old Business:**

Ed Gift Update – Ready to go

Discussion around the positive impact of getting different promotional videos highlighting the good that Harborside and the Students do for the community. Many great connections exist, but it may not be as well known in the community. Harsha thought that the current Student Population would be very engaged and excited to promote Harborside. Students have a lot of pride being a Harborside student. There is also a lot of respect from the EL Community and many great supporters. Having updated video's showing this would be fantastic.

### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. in Harborside Library

### **Adjourn:**

Motioned by: Mike U., Seconded by: Heather E.