

Desert Star Academy

Meeting Agenda

August 16, 2023

5:00 pm

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Desert Star Academy and to the general public that the Board will hold a meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time. One or more members of the Board may participate in the meeting by telephonic or digital communications.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38- 431.03 (H) the Board may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Margie Montgomery at (928)300-3207. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

DATED AND POSTED this 14th day of June, 2023

TIME OF DAY: 11 am

By _____
Margie Montgomery

Meeting location:
1530 Pinion St.
Fort Mohave, AZ. 86426

5:00 pm

Agenda

- I. Call to Order Margie called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm
- II. Roll Call Members present: Margie, David, Kylee Absent Julia, Shelby
- III. Call to Public No call to the public
- IV. Executive Session Moved to the end of the meeting.
- V. Food trailer plan. Margie presented two proposals for food trailers. There were not any available to purchased used. Two proposals were submitted, and Margie recommended to go with the least expensive for the needs. Middle school scholar council is seeking donations to pay the cost of the trailer. Paul Perkins presented the business plan. Scholars will seek sponsors, for the initial payment of the truck. The sponsors will then be invited to sell their food products to our scholars. For non-food contributors the culinary club will go to the business and provide lunch. The culinary club will provide daily school lunches for scholars and staff as

well as attend the monthly food truck events in Bullhead City. Margie asked if there were any comments or questions. David stated that it sounded like a great idea and would be a great opportunity for the scholas. Kylee loved it and thought it would be great exposure for the school. Margie asked for a vote to purchase the less expensive trailer.

Kylee moved to purchase the trailer.

David 2nd the motion.

Vote: Margie y, Kylee y, David y, Absent Julia, Shelby

- VI. Leadership team Update- Margie updated the members of the last leadership meeting and included the minutes from the meeting.
- VII. Update on high school application. The high school application was returned for edits. Margie submitted the edits.
- VIII. Opening day of school. Enrollment numbers were 522 and with the 10 drop the enrollment is at 510. Great week. Teachers were excited to be at school. Donuts with parents was also a success.
- IX. Update on new multipurpose building. The steel was delivered for the multi-purpose building. Estimated completion is January 2024.
- X. New Board member- Margie introduced Laree Jones as a possible new member to the governing board. Laree described her background of 25 years in the social work business. She is excited to be of service to DSA and looks forward to promoting the school in the community. Margie stated she would add Laree to the next meeting to vote her on to the board.
- XI. Executive Session
Margie asked for a motion to move into executive session.
Kylee moved to adjourn.
David 2nd.
Vote: Margie y, Kylee y, David y. Absent Julia, Shelby
Knox, Rea'Sean
- XII. Return from executive session
- XIII. Adjourn
David moved to adjourn
Kylee 2nd.

Admin Meeting - 8/15/2023

4:30am

Location: Hooches

Margie, Suzie, Kylee, Chris, Jesus, Deann, Maranda, Jackie, Paul, and Deanna

1. Roll Call - All in attendance
2. Enrollment update post 10-day drop : 503 Scholars. These numbers are in line with last year, however we are still experiencing new scholar enrollment at this time.
3. Review of the first days of the school year:
What was right?
All were in agreement that our Meet the Teacher night went smoothly, splitting the times allowed for more open hallways, happier parents that felt they had better time to visit with the teachers and all around happier families. Scholars felt welcomed! Paul commented on the new positive atmosphere on both sites. Although it was a little off on the second week, this week has felt much more positive. Most felt this was due to the new scheduling, better support and communication. With some training with our Title 1 and SPED aides, teachers and scholars getting better services.
Improvements?
Perhaps plan a single PD event for just our new teachers so they may feel better supported. Discussed a parent orientation for 6th grade scholars. The need to have our new scholars obtain their email addresses on the first day.
4. iReady benchmark scores:
Reported from principals on strategies to fill gaps and achieve scholar achievement.
2023/2024 school goals
% to pass (decided on 50%)
% growth (decided on 80%)
5. Events:
Bodies night
Snack bar
Poster of the New Building
Teacher/Scholar expectations
Scholar research presentation

Discussion on how to take these next events to the next level, elevate the scholar and family experience. Bodies night, always a fun night but perhaps create rooms for different parts. Announced to the group the order for the food trailer has been placed. This will become a wonderful classroom resource for the culinary scholars, provide staff and school lunches for the JR High and staff lunches at the elementary. The use of the trailer for the monthly food truck night, snack bar for school events. By doing these events and fundraising, the unit will be paid off within two years. Scholars are excited about this opportunity, business plan and ability to have the program grow. We also have

an opportunity to purchase a freestanding complete barista unit. Discussed this with the group and the decision was made to purchase.

The importance with supporting the Scholar vs Student mindset. Character education and Scholar education.

The group discussed the vision for the next year, goals for this group and how often to meet. It was agreed to keep the meeting at once a month will allow for best communication and also sharing these meeting minutes in the staff break rooms.