



Hello Stargate Community,

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOWN HALLS

Over the past several months, the School (our Board, staff, and community) has come a long way in improving our processes to learn from mistakes and prevent future mistakes as we continue to grow at a rapid pace. The Board will be hosting a series of Board Community Town Halls to share progress on these process improvements as well as explain next steps. Our goal is to and engage with families and develop strategies for how we can better partner and work together. The first Town Hall will be focused on School Finances. The second will be focused on recent concerns raised within the community and in Office of Civil Rights (OCR) complaints.

Each topic will have an evening presentation and a morning presentation so that we can try to accommodate multiple schedules. Questions can be sent in advance via a Google Form (links below) to help frame the discussion. Additional time will also be available for more questions at each session. All meetings will be held in the Elementary Commons area.

Topic	FINANCE	BOARD COMMUNICATION & OCR REVIEW
Evening Session	March 7, 2018 at 6:30 PM	March 19, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Morning Session	March 8, 2018 at 8:15 AM	April 6, 2018 at 8:15 AM
Google Form Link	Submit Finance Questions HERE	Submit Board Communication Questions HERE

I appreciate all of the support from every family as we get better and I'm excited that the months of work can finally be more transparently shared as we join together with our community to continue to improve. Change of this type doesn't happen overnight and there have been countless hours of time spent by staff and volunteers to come this far but we still have work to do.

BOARD TRANSPARENCY

The Board updated the [Communications Pathway](#) at the October Board meeting. You can find a copy of it on the governance website or by clicking [HERE](#). We encourage all of our community become more familiar with this policy and, when concerns arise, to follow the steps that it outlines in order to ensure the most effective and timely response.

To get the most up-to-date information as it's available, we welcome you to attend a meeting in person. You can also find information on the governance website to help navigate the public Charter School world by clicking the [Charter School 101 tab](#). The schedule of meetings for the 2017-2018 school year is posted on the governance website, on the school's Google calendar, and in advance on the official Stargate School Facebook page and the new electronic sign in front of the school.

FEBRUARY 21, 2018 - BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Board met on February 21st for their regular business meeting. The formal minutes from the February meeting will be approved at the March meeting and will be posted to the Governance Website once approved. Approved minutes from previous meetings can be found [HERE](#) or in the [Forms and Files Tab](#) in section 002. Below are the highlights of the topics covered during the meeting:

- Received the operations update from the Executive Director, the Chief Financial Officer, and a project update related to curriculum alignment
- Received an update on construction activities related to the Bond allocation
 - The [Survey for community feedback on the Library/Quite Space](#) design will remain open until February 28, 2018 (only 2 responses have been received so far)
- Reviewed the quarterly report form the Finance Committee
- Reviewed first readings of new or updated policies
 - New: Request for Electronic Information (click [HERE](#) to review draft)
 - Revised: Election Policy (click [HERE](#) to review draft)
 - Questions or comments on these drafts can be sent to governance@stargateschool.org
- Reviewed and approved the [2018-2019 School Calendar](#)
- Discussed updated meeting protocols
- Identified dates and topics for a series of Board Community Town Halls to improve transparent communication
- Discussed plans for the State of the School scheduled for April 11, 2018
 - The School Accountability Committee has posted the data from the surveys on the school website (to view them in advance, click [HERE](#)); full details and recommendations for improvement will be shared at the State of the School
- Discussed the items related to resolutions of current complaints
 - Reviewed a proposal for a complaint log and agreed to pilot the procedure
- Continued Personnel discussions in executive session

The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on March 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM to discuss operational needs in executive session. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Stargate. If you have a question for the Board, please send an email to governance@stargateschool.org.

Thank you!

Jan Kulmann, President
Stargate School Governance Board