



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 as we continue to grow at a rapid pace. The Board hosted a series of Board Community Town Halls focused on Financial transparency and overall communications related process improvements put in place to address Office of Civil Rights complaints as well as explain next steps. Our continued goal is to engage with families and develop strategies for how we can better partner and work together. Slides from each Town Hall, including questions and answers from each event, will be posted on the governance website and sent to the community soon. There is one last session for the Communication Town Hall scheduled for the morning of April 6 at 8:15 AM in the elementary commons. The Board is looking for feedback on each of these communication events so that we can continue to improve and make sure they are adding value. Please email [governance@stargateschool.org](mailto:governance@stargateschool.org) with your comments on these events.

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 also acknowledge that we still have work to do.

## BOARD TRANSPARENCY

The Board updated the [Communication Pathways](#) 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 members to 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.

## MARCH 21, 2018 - BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Board met on March 21<sup>st</sup> for their regular business meeting. The formal minutes from the March meeting will be approved at the April 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
  - The Board agreed to continue the curriculum discussion with soon to be scheduled community discussions to include input from parents and teachers (dates to be determined)
- Received an update on construction activities related to the Bond allocation
- Reviewed recommendations from the Foundation on refinancing options for the original building bonds
  - As part of the school's financial strategy, refinancing the original building bonds now will free additional cash for operational expenses
- Reviewed and approved the election budget for Spring Governance Board elections
  - 2 seats will be included in the election, both for 3 year terms
  - Nominations for candidates: April 1-14, 2018; Elections: May 1-8, 2018
- Allocated \$35,000 to the Fundraising Allocation Committee for distribution towards community requests
- Reviewed the School Accountability Committee community survey results and recommendations
  - 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 on April 11, 2018
- Reviewed and approved new/updated policies (the [Board Policy Manual](#) is updated on the website)
  - New: Communication & Complaint (click [HERE](#) to review the approved document)
  - New: Request for Electronic Information (click [HERE](#) to review the approved document)
  - Revised: Election Policy (click [HERE](#) to review the approved document)
- Discussed effectiveness and participation in recent Community Town Halls
- Discussed plans for the State of the School
- Agreed to move the April Business meeting to April 2 to avoid conflict with the student musical performance
- Continued Personnel discussions in executive session

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2018 at Stargate. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm with an executive session for personnel discussions related to operational needs (per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)); the regular public portion of the meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. If you have a question for the Board, please send an email to [governance@stargateschool.org](mailto:governance@stargateschool.org).

Thank you!

Jan Kulmann, President



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