



Hello Stargate Community,

As we move towards the end of an amazing 2016 for our school, the Board continues to work to improve communication and keep the community up to date on progress. To get the most up-to-date information as it's available, we welcome you to attend a meeting in person and explore the Stargate Governance website. The year's regular Board meetings are posted on the school calendar and the [governance calendar](#).

CALL TO ACTION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Our Community Relations Committee (CRC) is in desperate need of volunteers!! They are responsible for planning events that are designed to bring us together for fun and socializing while strengthening our relationships. CRC events are wildly successful, thanks to the extremely diligent and generous hard work of a small group of volunteers. We had more than 400 attendees at our Harry Potter Night and more than 400 attendees at the recent Chili Hoedown event!! Both of these events were organized and run by the volunteers of the Community Relations Committee (CRC). While they did a fabulous job of organizing and supporting these events, their volunteer members have not grown to support our growing community. Without additional support, CRC will not be able to continue to host these incredible events for our community.

Our success as a Charter school really does depend on volunteer support from our parents, students and staff. One of the amazing things about our school is our passionate and supportive community. Each of us has a responsibility to offer our talent, time and resources so that we can maintain our high expectations and our sense of community as we continue to grow. Our community has grown tremendously over the past couple of years. We are in desperate need of more volunteers at every level.

We urge you to get involved in the CRC or any other committee that interests you. Not sure how? Contact recruiting@stargateschool.org or governance@stargateschool.org and we'll help you engage in an area that fits your interest and schedule.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Board met on November 16th for their regular business meeting. The formal minutes from the November meeting will be approved at the January 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
- Received an overview from the Stargate Foundation on the finishing touches of the campus construction
 - Fieldhouse is officially open
 - Outdoor fields are under construction; hope to be completed by the end of the year
 - Continue to work with contractor for ongoing warranty items
- Formally accepted the annual financial audit from Swanhorst & Company LLC
- Reviewed and approved the Unified Improvement Plan for submission to Adams 12
- Reviewed and approved the new Fundraising Allocation Policy
 - Tasked identified committee members to finalize the new committee charter by January
- Discussed the Adams 12 Bond success
 - Stargate will receive ~\$5.2 Million for use on capital improvements only; none of the funding can be used for operational expenses
 - Agreed to review options for allocation of capital funding in early 2017 after initial investigation and community engagement
- Reviewed the board policy manual and approved the first reading of several revised and updated policies
 - Staff Salary policy
 - Executive Limitations policy
 - Election policy
- Completed the mid-year performance review of the Executive Director during executive session

The Board will not meet in December; the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 18th at 6:30 PM at Stargate. The room where each meeting will be held will be posted on the school website as it may change each month while we use and share the space throughout the campus.

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