

BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 7, 2024 6:00 PM 500 E. Kelley's Rd. Woodland Park, CO 80863 Merit Academy Science Room – Room 137

Vision: Students prepared for success in a free society, promoting civic responsibility and contributing their talents in a flourishing republic by pursuing beauty, truth, and good.

Mission: Merit Academy will cultivate the minds and nurture the hearts of K-12 youth in the Ute Pass/Woodland Park region with instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue, employing honored foundations of classical education and Core Knowledge[®].

I. PRELIMINARIES

- A. Call to order at 6:06 p.m.
- B. Roll Call Waggoner, Ledlie, Sekowski, Dill, Illingworth were present.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Public Comment: None

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion by Sekowski to approve; seconded by Dill. In favor: Waggoner, Sekowski, Ledlie, Dill, Illingworth. Opposed: None

III. CONSENT CALENDAR -

A. Mr. Ledlie moved to table the approval of meeting minutes to the next meeting for review; seconded by Mr. Dill. In favor: Waggoner, Sekowski, Ledlie, Dill, Illingworth. Opposed: None

IV. TEACHER RECOGNITION.

V. PTO REPORT

There was a discussion and reminder that March 16, 2024 is the date for the Merit Gala, one of Merit Academy's larger local fundraising events.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS.

A. Funding Updates – Dr. Pekron updated the Board that the local Kiwanis chapter provided a \$1,000 donation to the Bullseye Bears, Merit Academy's marksmanship team. The team also discussed the upcoming Leadership Program of the Rockies (LPR) conference as an opportunity for network and potential fundraising opportunities for the school. Mr. Dill and Dr. Pekron will be attending the LPR conference on behalf of the school.

VII. REPORTS.

Deans

The Deans updated the Board regarding the recent prospective parent meeting on 2/5; over 60 attended the meeting with approximately 15 families. Dean Hanson also discussed the faculty and staff efforts to prepare the students for upcoming CMAS testing.

Headmaster

Dr. Pekron updated the Board regarding two administrative position offers that recently went out; she is awaiting responses. In addition, she noted that the staff intent to return deadline is approaching, as well as the lottery. In terms of registrations, those are being submitted on a consistent basis right now as well. Dr. Pekron also updated the Board that she is working on a course description guide, with a particular focus on additional CTE focused course offerings.

Board

There were no reports from the Board.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion by Waggoner to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. 2d by Dill. In favor: Ledlie, Dill, Sekowski, Illingworth, Waggoner. Opposed: None.