

**Aristotle Preparatory Academy, Inc. School Board Meeting**  
Located at: 8101 Fallsdale Ave Charlotte NC, 20214  
January 14, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.  
Call In Meeting. Dial 605-472-5282. Use access code 935311#

**Notice to Public:**

The Aristotle Preparatory Academy Board of Directors will hold a meeting on the above noted date and time at 8101 Fallsdale Ave. Charlotte, NC 28214. The Board of Directors may deliberate or act on any of the subjects listed on the following agenda. The Board Chairperson, or the TeamCFA representative may change the order of the items listed below for the convenience of the board.

Only board members and their invited guests, and the school director will sit at the meeting table. All other guests and observers of the public are welcome to attend and sit in the audience section. The Board Chairman or the Team CFA representative will call upon presenters and advisors as needed and as requested by the board's members. Anyone needing accommodations will be assisted. A sign in sheet will be made available for the public to sign up in order to address the board during public comment.

**Type of Meeting:** Regular Board Meeting  
**Meeting Facilitator:** Chair - Siobhan Papa

**1. Call to Order and Reading of the Mission Statement:**

*Called to order by S. Papa at 5:16 p.m.*

The mission of Aristotle Preparatory Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy is to prepare students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds for success in college and to become productive citizens by combining a rigorous STEM focused curriculum with focused character development.

*Read by S. Papa*

**2. Roll Call to Establish Quorum** Proceed only if Quorum is established. If a quorum cannot be established, the meeting will be rescheduled by the facilitator.

*Roll call and quorum established by S. Papa*

*Members Present:*

*S. Papa*

*D Bryan*

*Members Present via phone:*

*J. Cole*

*C. Roddy*

*Members Absent*

*Brian Payne*

*Also present - C. French, K. Scott*

**3. Public Comments:** Speakers on Public Sign-Up Sheet have a 3-minute limit per speaker. The board will not respond to comments during this meeting. The board will address public concerns either with an email response or in the following meeting, to be determined by the Board President or the TeamCFA Representative. Responses will be delivered at their discretion.

None

#### **4. Action Items:**

##### **A - Consider and Approve Current Agenda.**

*Motion to approve was made by: S. Papa*

*Motion was seconded by: J. Cole*

*Motion was approved by a vote of 4/4*

##### **B - Consider and Approve membership of Kelly Scott as a new staff representative member of the APA Board of Directors.**

*Short discussion to determine the need for a staff representative to be on the board. Mrs. Scott has been employed at the school since June 2017 and has expressed interest in serving the school in this capacity. The board shared accolades for Mrs. Scott's dedication to APA.*

*Motion to approve was made by: J. Cole*

*Motion was seconded by: S. Papa*

*Motion was approved by a vote of 4/4*

##### **C - Consider and Approve Board Minutes from 12-10-19**

*Motion to approve was made by: J. Cole*

*Motion was seconded by: D. Bryan*

*Motion was approved by a vote of 4/4*

##### **D - Consider and Approve the budget reports as presented.12-31-19**

*Discussion: School must earn a "C" or better for 2 out of 3 years to be eligible for more funding/grants and also be more appealing to potential investors. Mrs. French and Mrs. Scott spoke to the school's efforts in remediation and anticipated outcomes.*

*Motion to approve was made by: S. Papa*

*Motion was seconded by: C. Roddy*

*Motion was approved by a vote of 4/4*

##### **E - Consider and Approve Contract to Audit Accounts for 2019-2020**

*Short discussion on the school's satisfaction of Mr. Keller's service to APA over the last few years.*

*Motion to approve was made by: S. Papa*

*Motion was seconded by: C. Roddy*

*Motion was approved by a vote of 4/4*

#### **5. Discussion, Reports, Presentations and Updates:**

##### **A - Principal's Report**

*Mrs French shared that APA currently has 135 students enrolled; enrollment goal for next year is 177.*

*Discussion:*

**1. Billboard:** *Mrs French provided an update to the billboard discussed at last meeting. The cost is \$3K/month. Current marketing budget is \$2,500.00 We need to increase the numbers to improve the surplus. Mrs. French shared the two main marketing challenges for the school moving forward are its academic history and current location. There are great things happening at APA, but there's also a lot of charter competition in the Charlotte area. The best marketing strategy is word of mouth. Mrs. French proposed entertaining amendments for a name change and also a location change was presented for discussion. Jason believes we're confined by the charter to a geographical area.*

*Mrs French shared that our two main challenges overall are: marketing and the need for a more diverse student population.*

2. **Audit results:** *Mrs French shared audit results. In summary, the school exceeded the budget last year. No major findings. Mrs French updated gave an example of unexpected requirements arising that affect the budget: having an asbestos inspection conducted (approximately \$7K). Mrs. French continues to cut costs in every area possible.*

3. **Title 1 application approved:** *No discussion*

4. **NWEA MAP Data:** *Mrs Scott provided the board with a summary of MAP testing and associated next steps which include adjustments to the Specials schedule to accommodate for increased intervention blocks.*

**6. Executive Closed Session** (per NC statute 143-318.11) to discuss specific student and personnel concerns.

- Session called to discuss specific employment contract of the director.

- Only voting members are invited into the closed session.

*Motion to enter the closed session was made by S. Papa at 6:24 p.m.*

*J. Cole seconded motion.*

*Closed session closed: 6:50 p.m.*

**7 . Action Items from Executive Session – None**

**8. Adjourn.**

*Meeting adjourned at conclusion of the closed session by S. Papa, 6:51 p.m.*

**Next Regular Meeting: February 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Closed Session Statute:**

§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions. (a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required: (1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. file:///Users/elon/Desktop/Chapter\_143.html (620 of 815) [4/27/09 7:15:03 AM] Chapter 143 (2) To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award. (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded. (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. The action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session. (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in file:///Users/elon/Desktop/Chapter\_143.html (621 of 815) [4/27/09 7:15:03 AM] Chapter 143 an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting. (7) To plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct. (8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence. (9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receive briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken or to be taken to respond to such activity. (b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 4. (c) Calling a Closed Session. – A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section. A motion based on subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential. A motion based on subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall identify the parties in each existing lawsuit concerning which the public body expects to receive advice during the closed session.