American Academy of Innovation
Governing Board Meeting

September 12, 2017    7:45pm Media Room

Present – Rodayne Esmay, Julie Goldklang, Zakia Richardson, Chetan Dave, Stacey Thompson, Bob Warren, Scott Jones, Cayenne DaBell, Shawn Perkins

August Meeting Minutes – motion to approve Rodayne 1st/Julie 2nd – all in favor

DIRECTOR UPDATE

• Enrollment –
  o There were issues with exit codes in aspire that was raised in August (fixed by state)
  o Current enrollment is 315

• Marketing -
  o Tours daily
  o 8 students shadowed last Thursday
  o Open house on Wednesday, September 13th (highlights what’s unique about AAI, what will the year look like)
  o Flyer went to 9500 homes in 89004 – delivered to every house under 65
  o Primary reason for leaving – transportation, wanting more breakout space in special ed (we have 2 dedicated private breakouts)

• Using Aspire until Canvas programming is resolved

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Classroom Expansion Update – had 2 meetings with the architect (Wes with Babcock design), now in final design stages with engineers, hoping to start submission to city and Daybreak by 29th of September, October will be permitting and finalizing documentation, 4 classrooms (animal science, biology, maker space, and extra flex), soundproofing gym, redesign of special ed 110 with breakout rooms

• Students in capstone engineering class met with engineers, students designed makerspace, safety, communication, planning and egress
• Completion will likely be May/June with ribbon cutting at end of the year
• Positive is increased cost will be delayed until 2018-2019 fiscal year
• Plan 15 minutes for next board meeting for students in capstone engineering to present to Board

Fundraising Strategic Plan Update

• Mr. Warren has been collaborating with the staff
• Faculty committee, grant filing next week, filed another last week, gearing up to complete grants efficiently
• Generating Leads - $20 - $25k and up, individuals or companies
• Creating consistent messaging
• Focus – maker space, clubs and field trips, robotics
• Digital Citizenship Forum – students are developing proposals (November 3rd at AAI)

Company pays ELA for recycled paper – (Cayenne)

Annual Strategic Plan Document Review & Implementation – Julie provided draft of dashboard in May

• Advise from Charter State Board – work with current goals for 3 years and then revise
  • Committed to list of focus elements
    o PBL
    o Job Shadowing
    o Share projects with broader community
    o Mentoring students in lower grades
    o Leadership program
    o 90% of students complete 15 hours of community service each year
    o CTE class for all students 6-12
    o 1 National CTE Competition (Deca, Robotics)

• Reviewed Sage grades from AAI vs. State
  o Language Arts (state 48.6% vs. AAI 33.9%)
  o Math (state 44.7% vs. AAI 27.8%)
  o Science (state 47.5% vs AAI 35.2%)

Motion to adjourn – Julie 1st/Rodayne 2nd – all in favor 9:07pm

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 24th 7:30pm