



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2024 6:00 PM

Merit Academy Library

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 6:01 p.m.
- B. Roll call: Sekowski, Ledlie, Waggoner, Dill, and Illingworth present
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Public Comment - none

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Ledlie moved to amend the agenda by removing approval of the 6-19-24 and 9-27-24 minutes and add a discussion of the upcoming student Bear Crawl event, with a second by Ms. Waggoner. Ms. Sekowski moved to approve the amended agenda, with a second by Mr. Dill. In favor: Sekowski, Dill, Ledlie, Waggoner, and Illingworth; opposed: none

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Waggoner moved to approve the consent agenda, with a second by Ms. Sekowski. In favor: Waggoner, Sekowski, Illingworth, Dill and Ledlie.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was a discussion of the October count, which began on 1 Oct 24. Total full-time count, not including pre-K students, but including homeschool and Aerolab students, totals 505 as of this date. There was an additional discussion of funding, including working some updates on funding sources, including a potential sponsorship structure with local businesses.

V. ACTION ITEMS

None

VI. REPORTS

The Deans discussed the planning and advertising of an upcoming trip to D.C. for 7th and 8th graders for the end of the school year. The trip has a 35 student cap, and is all-inclusive field trip for a weekly cost of \$3200. The deans are planning upcoming fundraisers to offset the cost for families. PSAT and SAT testing is also upcoming on Oct 22-23, and parent and teacher

conferences are Oct 16. The Bear Crawl is upcoming on Oct 25, with the Fall Fest in the afternoon on the same day, as well as Trunk or Treat. There are also upcoming School of Grammar field trips to the mining museum and the pumpkin patch. In addition, BBB is re-starting for the school year on Oct 14, as well as enrichment and intervention groups beginning. The headmaster had no report, and neither did the Board.

VII. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Ledlie to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Mr. Dill. In favor: Ledlie, Dill, Waggoner, Sekowski, Illingworth. Opposed: None.