



# ALTURAS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

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**MISSION:** *Alturas International Academy promotes academic distinction while empowering students to be principled and intellectual leaders as they explore, create, investigate, and analyze in a safe, engaged, collaborative environment that inspires them to make a genuine difference in their local and global community.*

**VISION:** *The Academy seeks to support, educate, and inspire every student to think critically and collaboratively, value learning, and recognize their common humanity and shared stewardship of the planet. As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we inspire students to be life-long learners, critical thinkers, and global citizens.*

## Alturas International Academy Board Meeting Minutes

### *Regular Board Meeting*

**Date:** Wednesday, May 19, 2021

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

ID: 84366892327

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**Time:** 5:31 p.m.

#### **Board Members:**

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| 1. Anna Long – Left Early             | 6. Jaime Mayo (Vice President) |
| 2. Callie Hatch                       | 7. Jared Allen                 |
| 3. Candise Gilbert                    | 8. Jeff Carr (President)       |
| 4. Christine Ogden (Secretary)        | 9. Kevan Weaver                |
| 5. Collin Hunter (Treasurer) – Absent | 10. Lee Stimpson               |

**Others in Attendance:** Michelle Ball, Brian Bingham, Reece Drkula, Marc Carignan, Kim Esterman, Teachers, Staff Members, Parents

**Public Forum (3 minutes/person):** Moved to the end of the meeting.

#### **Consent Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

- April 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes



**Sponsor: Callie, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jared, PASSED**

- Financial Report
  - April Financials: Marc – Cash and expenses on target to hit our budget.
  - 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget

**Board Business**

- Transportation Plans/Bus Contract (**ACTION ITEM**): Brian – Waiting on a proposed amendment to the five-year contract from Teton Stage Lines. Anticipating a \$.20 to \$.30/per mile hike this year.
- Alternative Authorizations (**ACTION ITEM**)  
**MOTION:** Approve the alternative authorization for Yesica Martinez.  
**Sponsor: Jared, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Callie, PASSED**
- Teacher/Administration Contracts (**ACTION ITEM**)  
**MOTION:** Approve the teacher and administrator contracts as proposed.  
**Sponsor: Jaime, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Anna, PASSED**
- Executive Director Contract (**ACTION ITEM**)  
**MOTION:** Approve the Executive Director contract as proposed.  
**Sponsor: Candise, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jared, PASSED**

**Executive Director Report:** Michelle – Half of the staff will be new next year. A tremendous amount of training will take place. Dana Crose will be in the classrooms all of the time. Michelle will be here in the mornings. Grades 4 and 5 will move downstairs. We received a grant for kindergarten. The kindergarten program is outstanding. Their data is in the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile. The science room will be turned into a social/emotional learning room. Reece is ready to transition.



### **Strategic Planning Committee Report**

- AIA Strategic Plan: Callie – Highlighted a few things from the proposed strategic plan.  
Christine – Went over the formal vetting process for potential board members.

**Academic Excellence Committee Report:** Deferred due to time.

**Development & Community Relations Report:** Jaime – The Playground Expansion Project has raised around \$22k. We also received a \$37k grant.

**Finance Committee Report:** Collin was not present to give a report.

**Governance Committee Report:** Christine – Terms for seats, 1, 4, 7, and 10 are up for election in July. Three current board members have expressed interest in reappointment of another term. After reviewing the board’s composition, the governance committee recommends not filling seat 4 at the annual board meeting now that committee structures are in place and APA’s charter has been approved.

### **Policies**

- 8100 Transportation (**ACTION ITEM**)
- 8105 Extracurricular Transportation (**ACTION ITEM**)
- 8105F Extracurricular Transportation Liability (**ACTION ITEM**)
- 8120 Bus Routes, Stops and Non-Transportation Zones (**ACTION ITEM**)
- 8140 Student Conduct on Buses (**ACTION ITEM**)
- 8150 Unauthorized School Bus Entry (**ACTION ITEM**)
- 8160 Contracting Transportation Services (**ACTION ITEM**)
- 8320 Fire Drills and Evacuation Plans (**ACTION ITEM**)
- 8320P Emergency Drills Rules and Procedures (**ACTION ITEM**)



- 8520 Inspection of Charter School Facilities (**ACTION ITEM**)
- 8530 Property Damage (**ACTION ITEM**)
- 8610 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (**ACTION ITEM**)

**MOTION:** Approve policies 8100 thru 8610 with the changes that were addressed.

**Sponsor: Jared, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Callie, PASSED**

**Public Forum:**

Heather Hoff (Parent and Staff Member): Keep mask policy

Aniko Snyder (Staff Member): Keep mask policy

Laurie Boza (Parent): Rescind mask policy

Kortney Klinkel (Parent): Keep mask policy

Christina Barber (Parent and Teacher): Keep mask policy

Sarah Browning (Teacher): Keep mask policy

Rachel Nielsen (Teacher): Keep mask policy

Catharine Walker (Parent): Asked a few questions, did not say one way or the other

Shae Christensen (Parent): Rescind mask policy

Donna Hill (Teacher): Keep mask policy

Patricia Holversen (Parent): Rescind mask policy

Kristie Karroum (Parent): Keep mask policy

- 8900 COVID-19 Procedures and Precautions (**ACTION ITEM**): Extensive discussion took place regarding the mask policy and whether it should be kept or rescinded. Points on both sides were considered: Idaho Falls has been in the green for two weeks. There are only two new confirmed cases today. Vaccinations are available to parents, teachers, and staff. EIPH recognizes that the risk is very low in this area. Masks could be optional through the end of the year. We want to support those who want to wear masks. The



CDC is recommending masks still be worn if social distancing cannot be maintained. We have followed recommendations from several official sources, not just the CDC. There are two upcoming project nights. Vaccinations are not available to younger children yet. We need to consider students who are immunocompromised. Are these students wearing masks during lunch or recess? If we are willing to start school in the fall without masks, we should be willing to finish without them now. Alturas is a school of choice and parents may have chosen to send their child(ren) here because of the cautious approach that we have taken. Students who are immunocompromised should be able to attend the last week of school. The administration recommended keeping the policy through the end of the school year.

**MOTION:** Jared motioned to rescind Policy 8900 effective June 1, 2021.

Jeff: Yes, Christine: No (initially voted yes), Callie: Yes, Jaime: No, Jared: Yes, Kevan: Yes, Lee: Yes, Candise: No, **PASSED 5:3**

Christine, Jaime, and Candise wanted the policy rescinded effective immediately.

**Adjournment: 8:35 p.m.**

**Sponsor: Christine, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Callie, PASSED**

Our board meetings are open to the public and provide an excellent opportunity to learn about what the board is working on at Alturas International Academy. We welcome all members of the Alturas community to come and observe our meetings.

Public Forum is held the first 15 minutes of each regularly scheduled Board Meeting. We kindly ask that you keep your comments to 3 minutes. Board members may not immediately respond to public comment. Issues and comment will be recorded and addressed by the proper individual(s) for follow-up. Public comment should NOT include observations or complaints about an individual staff member, teacher, or student.

When you sign in please make a note of your interest to address the board in public forum.