



## Literacy, Leadership, & Personalized Learning

Vision: STRIVE Collegiate Academy will cultivate college- ready high school graduates who will achieve post-secondary success and become leaders in their communities, Nashville, and beyond.

Mission: At STRIVE Collegiate Academy, our mission is to prepare middle school students for success in high school, college, and career. We will achieve this by empowering each student with a literacy-based curriculum aligned across all content areas in a culture that encourages leadership, virtue, and excellence as the foundation for success in all of their endeavors.

### Board Minutes – August 27, 2024

#### I. Attendance

- A. Board Members: Scott Emerson (Board Chair), Norma Shirk (Vice Chair), Dr. Aikyna Finch (Secretary), Jordan Walters (Treasurer), and Yolanda Suttle
- B. Absent Board Member(s): Stephanie Huffman and Sarah Ann Ezzell
- C. Others Present: LaKendra Butler
- D. Minutes taken by Dr. Aikyna Finch

#### II. Proceedings: Called to order by Scott Emerson at 6:03 p.m.

#### III. Approval of June’s Board Minutes: Motion for approval made by Norma Shirk and seconded by Jordan Walters. All approved. No objections made.

#### IV. Approval of August’s Agenda: Motion for approval made by Yolanda Suttle and seconded by Jordan Walters. All approved. No objections made.

#### V. Board Committee Reports and Discussions

**The following is historical information provided here for continued emphasis.**

- The committee members are:
  - Academic: Sarah Ann Ezzell (Chair), Dr. Aikyna Finch, and Scott Emerson.
  - Development: Norma Shirk (Chair), Yolanda Suttle, and Scott Emerson
  - Finance: Jordan Walters (Chair), & Scott Emerson
  - Governance: Scott Emerson (Chair) & Dr. Aikyna Finch.

#### A. Executive Director Report

- Schoolwide Literacy focus

Grade	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
6th	50	32.6	17
7th	55	25.8	18.9

8th	46.7	40.3	12.9
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- Discussed Public Charter 832 (part 1) – published 7/1/2024
- Discussed the Computer Science Class
- Discussed the Charter Review Questions
- October 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 – Capacity Interview
- November 26<sup>th</sup> – Vote on the School Charter
- Discussed what worked and didn't work for school recruitment
- There will be a monthly board report on recruitment starting in September
- Discussed Quarterly Newsletter, Mailer, and Social Media

**B. Development Committee**

- Strive Thursday begins again in September 26<sup>th</sup> – Let's invite people to attend
- Let's start sharing social media posts and raising awareness about the school
- Taste of the Town on September 21<sup>st</sup> in Old Hickory from 12-3pm
- We need to share businesses and contacts to the list for donors on the Google doc.

**C. Finance/Facility Committee**

- 270 to 192 students for a loss of \$1.2 Million
- End of Year Cash – \$1.3 Million – \$800 Thousand below budget
- Target for gifts/donations – \$300 Thousand
- Continue to make connections to increase the awareness of Strive
- A research intern was brought in to find 20 companies a week

**D. Governance Committee**

- Continued search for new board members – one in the pipeline
- Update on Executive Director Succession – Kipp or Valor doesn't have a Number #2, so this is common in charter schools

The motion to end the meeting was made by Norma Shirk and seconded by Aikyna Finch. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM. The next Board Meeting is on October 26, 2024 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the school.