

Cologne Academy  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 23, 2015  
Cologne Academy Conference Room

**Board Members Present**

- Jeff Katherman, Chair
- Lisa Edgerly, Vice Chair
- Amy Neitzel, Treasurer
- Melissa Mase, Secretary
- Dan Perrel, Board Member
- Jamie Degen, Board Member
- Julie Olson, Board Member

**Ex-Officio Members Present**

- Traci LaFerriere, CFO
- Lynn G. Peterson, Executive Director

**Guests Present**

**Staff Present**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and posted notice thereof, the regular meeting of the Cologne Academy school board was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Jeff Katherman in the Cologne Academy Conference Room.

II. VISION AND MISSION MOMENT

**Vision**

Create a content-rich learning environment that prepares K-8 children to achieve their best as students and as people of character who will contribute skill and knowledge to their communities.

**Mission**

To prepare students for academic success through excellence in literacy by integrating the *Core Knowledge Sequence*.

III. AD HOC BOARD TOPICS

- a. CA Letters to the Editor/ Media Coverage
  - i. Discuss opportunities to advance CA coverage in local papers
- b. Parent Involvement Night Feedback
  - i. Discuss ways to drive higher attendance
  - ii. Discuss 40 hours per week commitment per family
- c. Give to the Max Planning
  - i. Assign Chairperson to lead
  - ii. Discuss ways to build on past years' success
  - iii. Post cards sent by kids
  - iv. Social Media marketing opportunities

IV. PUBLIC / OPEN FORUM

- a. None

Lynn joined the meeting at 7:30

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Treasurer's Report – Katherman  
The finance committee met on 9/23

VI. SCHOOL LEADER REPORT

- a. Board Recognition  
The board would like to recognize and thank:
  - i. Tamra Kielty-leadership on CA Lady PRIDE Star volleyball – posted 2 victories last night for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - ii. Matt Lein and Scott Pelletier for CABC work

- iii. MMase, JGordon, ARohman, CPogatshnik, BCarlson, LCarnell, ARodelius, JMoeller, KFarrell, LGPeterson, JKatherman, CLoss, Jolson, JDege, DWickenhauser, MHansen, ANeitzel and Room Parents that came to Parent's Night
- iv. Gail Wilson for volunteering as PAVE Treasurer
- b. Contract Sub 1:1 Nurse Bergstrom & Werner

VII. DASHBOARD REVIEW

- a. Current enrollment: 552
- b. PAVE Leadership

VIII. BOARD FYI/RESOURCES

- a. Board Initial Trainings, MSBA
- b. Reward School
- c. Give to the Max
- d. Q Comp
- e. ACLU v. Tarek ibn Ziyad Academy, et al letter and assurances

IX. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of 8/27/15 Minutes
- b. School leader written report:
  - i. Policy 740, World's Best Workforce

A motion was made by LS and seconded by AN to approve the consent agenda.  
With all members voting in favor, the motion carried. Vote: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Jeff Katherman left the meeting at 8:42  
Jeff Katherman rejoined the meeting at 8:45

X. EXPANSION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. Assessing your School Board, Board Direction
- b. Develop a Marketing/Communication plan
- c. Create and Implement a Cologne Academy Professional Development Plan
- d. Explore what CA differentiating variables are and work to clarify a unique brand

XI. LAST THOUGHTS

- a. Upcoming Meeting Dates: October 22nd, 2015
- b. Action Items for next month
  - i. Give to the Max planning/promotion

XII. BOARD MEETING ASSESSMENT

A motion was made by MM to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by Melissa Mase, Board Secretary