

# Meeting Minutes

## Kids Unlimited Academy A Public Charter School Board Meeting

**Date: 11.29.22**

**Time: 7:37 AM (In Person/Video)**

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### 1. Preliminary

**Call to Order: 7: 37AM by Chair Michelle Atkinson**

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Determination of Quorum: **Michelle Blum Atkinson, Julia McFadden, Greg Aldridge Ryan Bernard, Pat Barry, Judy Duffy, Ignacio Sanchez, Jani Hale, Martha Ibarra, Lisa Hutchins, Jani Hale**

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

**Staff: Tom Cole, Sunshine Price, Cass Weiland, Raco Verhaaren**

### Approval of Agenda:

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**Public Comment:**

### 2. Review and Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of Previous Board Meeting – **Approved as read.**

### 3. Business Update—Cass Weiland/Pat Barry:

No financial committee this month. Cash went up about \$80k, Cass is still working on the Equity Grant, the KDP audit is complete and the accounting partners are reviewing. We now expect a financial audit report from KDP at the January meeting. **Financials approved unanimously.**

### 4. KU Executive Director Report—Tom Cole:

Tom noted a lot has happened since the October meeting with a lot of transitions and a lot of learning. Tom hopes for the board to look at systems and data. Tom had an opportunity to spend several hours talking to staff about the “state of union.” It is important to understand the data, including a five year student cohort. Tom spoke specifically to math at KUA and at the state level. He went on to share some key things he’s learned recently and the importance of listening to staff and their needs as we build transparency and accountability. A longer discussion ensued on the operation of middle school at KUA, the unique challenges, and best serving that group. Assessment, and understanding the data and using it in a meaningful way is a focus going forward. The board had several questions for Tom and he went on to share some of his observations about accountability, consistency, and a need for common goals that are well understood by all: the mission. He stressed new energy and new systems. He spoke of goal setting at the board level. Casino night is Monday, December 19th. A company is coming in to run a complete music event with casino activities. A long discussion followed on KUA programs, the impact of COVID, and opportunities moving forward.

## 5. KUA Principal Report—Sunshine Price:

Sunshine announced her departure and move at the end of the month. Jani will be filling in on an interim basis. Jani spoke to the ongoing candidate search. Sunshine discussed the SIA report, noting the addition of some middle school staff in response. The report awaits approval. Funding from the program went primarily toward student behavior support in direct and indirect ways. There was also additional funding for an instructional coach. Sunshine went on to discuss other focus areas and expenditures including student support in ELO, working with the ESD for support in key areas, parent involvement, a student store, and adjusting salary schedule for attraction and retention of qualified candidates. She outlined the board process and minutes requirement for approval. Jani spoke to the importance and impact of the instructional coach position. While the board does not need to approve the SIA report at this time, there was a thorough presentation and discussion of the report preparation. The board had a few additional comments.

## 6. Other Business

Ryan gave an update on the Governance Committee. He outlined some tasks ahead including continuing refinement of candidate screening and selection. Ryan wants to send a group email to confirm who is interested in staying on the committee, and coordinating a meeting probably in January. **Pat commented that we need a motion to remove Sunshine as a signer on the accounts and add Jani Hale to the accounts. That motion was unanimously approved to make that change in signatures on the accounts.** Pat asked a question about tutorial funding from the state and the fact that 549c was one of the few districts to participate. He was curious about the impact or progress. No information was available from staff board on that subject. Jani gave a report on a math interview that occurred yesterday. She gave a report on things she learned from an interesting candidate discussion. Jani thanked Sunshine for her efforts and time at KUA.

### Consent Agenda

None

### Executive Session

## 7. Adjournment 9:08 AM

Next meeting, January 31, 2022, In Person, 7:30 AM.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Greg Aldridge, Secretary