

APPROVED MINUTES
Wyatt Academy Board Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2026 5:01 - 6:54 pm

Location: Principal's Office
& GoogleMeet

Notice of meeting provided on Wyatt website and the ClassDojo calendar

Moderator: Lyle Whitney
Chat Monitor: Aisha Lloyd
Notes: Terry Usry

Attendees:

[virtual attendees are noted with a "(v)"]

Trustees Present: Leon Kelly, Aisha Lloyd (v), Cody Ostenson (v), Wendy Renee (v), Terry Usry, Lyle Whitney
Quorum present
Trustees Not Present: India Kidd-Aaron, Alicia Biggs, Joseph Sanchez
Wyatt Staff Present: Maria Estrada, Sarah Grant, Melody Means, Megan Nyce, Lisa Stuhlmiller
Additional Guests: Brandon Chrisp (v)

5:01-5:03 Welcome & Celebrations (Lyle Whitney)

Lyle was not able to post the agenda 48 hours prior to the meeting, so we will not be voting on the federal grant policy or to approve the February minutes tonight. We will move these items to the April meeting.

5:03-5:09 Financial Update (Brandon Chrisp)

- February Financials

- Review of the financial dashboard

- Review of P&L budget vs. actual through February

- State revenue and overall revenue are a little behind but this is not a concern.
 - Expenses are also behind, but this will correct itself when property improvement invoices come in.

- Review of cash flow projections

- Projected to end the year with a positive \$450K net income

- Balance sheet review

- Cody asked if all of our cash is FDIC insured. Brandon will look into this.

5:10-5:11 Public Comment

None

5:11-5:40 Board Business

- Vote to approve minutes from 2/26 Board Meeting (Terry)

Move to April Meeting

- Grant Updates (Lyle)

About to submit the 2nd round of Historic Denver grant for \$250K.

Approved for a GAINS grant of \$35K. This funding will be used for blacktop repair, striping on the playground, and other outdoor improvements. Inside the school, wood features in the great hall will be waxed and the cafe/gym floor will be cleaned, refinished, and waxed.

Megan shared that we've also applied for a 3-year, \$100K grant that would support another social worker, another day of nursing services and another day for psych.

- Strategic Plan Work Update (Aisha/Lyle)

Priority 5 Board Governance - increase board members; evaluating board infrastructure

Priority 4 Financial Stability - team is working with Brandon

Priority 3 Family Engagement - team is discussing how to get families in building & involved

Priority 2 Academics - admin team will present progress in the leadership report

Priority 1 Model and Branding - Aisha led an activity during the meeting to narrow in on our new mission statement. We've narrowed in on the three things we want Wyatt to be known for: small school, community & core values, and academic preparation

As a team, we ran through 6 potential mission statements and ranked them.

Next step - admin team to take the one that scored highest, with the next 2 highly ranked, and create a mission statement for review at the next board meeting.

- Procurement Policy Approval Vote (Lyle)

Move to April meeting

5:41-6:54 Leadership Team Update

- Celebrations (Lisa/Sarah)

Spirit Week built around Dr. Seuss' birthday

Wish for Wheels - program that builds bikes for 2nd graders & teaches them to ride - this is the 5th year Wish for Wheels has come to Wyatt

Para Appreciation week

St. Patrick's Day - staff wore green and had rock paper scissors contest

Secret Attendance Contest for staff for the month of March

The student council created a game for all students: They made Pokemon-like cards for each staff member (50 cards each). Staff gives them to students when they are "caught" doing positive things. The students are having so much fun earning cards. They also earn DOJO points.

- Round 1&2 Choice/Enrollment Update (Maria)

241 current enrollment

Budgeted enrollment goal is 250

202 anticipated returning students

Round 1: 21 new students

Round 2 closes at the end of August

Reviewed strategies for retention of the families that choice in

Reviewed family feedback and retention insights

Reviewed the plans for the first day of school. Focused on creating an experience that makes families excited that they chose Wyatt.

- Staff Retention/Recruiting Update (Melody)

9 staff members have confirmed that they are returning; all others are to let Melody know tomorrow

Leadership is actively interviewing for open positions

Need to add a new MLL lead. Sarah has been leading both MLL and SPED, but with the new Autism center and an increase in SPED requirements, she will need to focus exclusively on SPED.

PD plans for next year include phonics training, behavior para certification, fine tuning our data protocol, and SPED training.

- Academics Update (Lisa)

Wyatt switched from iReady to Star Diagnostic this year.

Lisa reviewed results of Star Early Literacy (grades K-2), Star Literacy (grades 3-5), and Star Math (grades 1-5)

She compared results from iReady and Star.

Lisa feels that iReady (over Star) is more comparable to CMAS.

Reviewed Big Rock 2: data-driven instruction

Staff will focus on engagement strategies to increase student learning

- MI-A Autism Center Update (Melody)

Staff has completed 3 site visits to other centers and collected ideas for use of paras, organization of the classroom, opportunities for inclusion, and staffing needs. They also explored what collaboration may look like for the center with the rest of the school. Collaboration with other centers will be valuable. 9 schools are opening centers and all of them are on team calls, so collaboration has already started. A meeting with the Manual HS team was very helpful. There are monthly leadership training sessions with DPS.

Center Staffing needs:

1 Teacher

3 paras

Will need an increase in psych, social worker, and nursing.

DPS is funding the teacher, 3 paras, furniture, training, curriculum, plus an allowance for materials that the SPED teacher will need.

Melody's budget proposal for next year includes the extra staffing requests.

Wyatt's center is expected to have up to 8-10 kids

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