

Aberdeen Christian School

Board meeting minutes

September 15, 2025

The monthly meeting was held in the office conference room at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Becky Kaiser, Karen Edwards, Betsey Dinger, Linda Shoup, Michelle Ramirez, Mandilyn Fliehs, Larry Inches, and Jen Schaeffer

Members excused: Steven Schaeffer

Along with: Dr. Sombke, Jamie Schwartz and Rodney Johnson

Good news items: There are two newly approved CTE Programs with the SDDOE for the 25-26 school year. We have newly donated and installed logos that have ACS Vision, Mission, and School Verse and School Purpose Statement in the ACS Foyer, newly installed ACS School Verse, ACS Knight Logo and ACS Lettering in the Office area. We have received positive parent feedback shared with the board members demonstrating effective responsive programming in response to the need to support students affected by the recent passing of Charlie Kirk.

Approval of minutes: Minutes were emailed to the board earlier. A motion was made by Michelle to approve the minutes. Mandilyn provided a second to the motion, and they were approved by the board.

Persons wishing to address the board: None

Administrative Report

Enrollment:174

Athletics: Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, and Tennis are all in competition season. The Advanced Athletic Class is very well attended and very popular with 7-12 grade students.

School Improvement/ Accreditation/ Testing/ Data/ Curriculum: We will be promoting the Smarter Balance Assessment in preparation for our Accreditation Review and to continue to promote and facilitate academic evaluation and to gather comparative academic data. Course codes have been added to JMC and student transcripts to meet Accreditation Standards, CTE and Opportunities Scholarship Qualifications and SDDOE Endorsement Criteria. We are working to add the approved course code for each required and elective credit bearing courses. The endorsement titles will be added to JMC and students' final transcripts beginning May 2026. One ACS student has been allowed to have "Advanced Honors Endorsement" added per SDDOE exemption. Certified teachers will begin planning their SLO (Student Learning Objectives) for the 25-26 school year. They will be using the State Approved Teacher Effectiveness Model named the Charlotte Danielson Teacher Evaluation. All Staff and Faculty will use all four domains and choose one concept from each domain to include in their plan and SLO. Teachers will be working on completing their Curriculum Map for their content area or grade level. Curriculum maps are included in the reviewed items for Accreditation.

Strategic Plan: Dr. Sombke, Becky and Karen met with administration from the Frederick school to gain insight into having a 4-Day school. We will start by developing a survey for faculty and families to gain insight into what their thoughts are about changing to a 4-Day school. After that, the next possible step would be to have a town hall style meeting.

Policy Review: We will be writing a new policy for Dual Credit students.

Committee Reports

Finance: Linda briefly went over the reports with the Board.

Facilities: The committee did not meet this month. There have been concerns with the exterior and interior sliding doors beginning to stall, slam shut and to not respond without notice. House of Glass has been out twice to work on adjusting the settings and to offer

what they determine to be the problem. Mr. Fogarty also looked at the doors. House of Glass (Jayson) has asked for a quote on both the sliding doors and to install new pull doors instead of replacing the board/motor of the sliding glass doors. Jayson also described another potential of a 3rd piece that could be the problem for the interior doors. He will be looking for replacement parts and will add that to the quote.

Boosters: Didn't meet

Fundraising/ Development: In the planning stages for the Knight Out which will be held December 6th.

Education/ Scholarship: Thank you's are due back from scholarship recipients.

Public/ Alumni Relations: ACS will be hosting the NE Conference for the ACSI Annual Meeting on October 17 from 8:30-Noon. As part of the hosting benefits, we will be able to have School Board Training at no cost with the director Jeff Mattner. This will be from 1:00-3:30 PM.

Ad-Hoc updates:

August 6- approved the Aberdeen Police/ Special Forces to train in the ACS building on August 7.

August 20-approval to clean the library carpet with Microban additive Milgo with additional cost and then cleaning per bid from Aberdeen Interiors.

September 15-Michelle made a motion to pay Kone for elevator repairs at \$1,138.70. Linda provided a second to the motion and it was approved by the Board.

Final comments, Questions, Concerns-None

Betsey Dinger, Secretary