

	Regular School Board Meeting	
	Date: September 16, 2025	
	Location: Circle of Life Academy	Time: 5:00pm

<p>1. CALL TO ORDER:</p> <p>Time: <u>5:04</u> am pm</p> <p>Speaker: Trista Ayers</p>
<p>2. MISSION STATEMENT: Our Circle of Life Academy is immersed in Anishinaabe Mino-Bimaadiziwin for our children and community while providing the highest quality of education.</p>
<p>3. ROLL CALL:</p> <p>a. Board Members Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Loretta Solmon ii. Chris VanWert Jr. iii. Trista Ayers iv. v. <p>b. Others Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Vince Olson ii. Seth Houglum <p>c. Quorum Present? Y N</p>
<p>4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>a. Motion: Chris VanWert</p> <p>b. Second: Loretta Solmon</p> <p>c. In Favor: 2</p> <p>d. Opposed: 0</p>
<p>5. RECOGNITIONS - STAFF OR STUDENT</p> <p>a. Welcome to our new board members, Loretta Solmon and Chris VanWert! Mary Gagnon, Lew Murray, and Patty Straub are no longer serving on the board. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service to COLA students and staff.</p> <p>b. Welcome to all new staff! We're so thankful that you've joined us at Circle of Life Academy.</p> <p>c. Last but not least, to our many returning staff, chi-miigwech for your dedication to the students and families at COLA. You are the heartbeat that keeps us going strong!</p>

6. COMMENTS OR REQUESTS FROM VISITORS

a. N/A

7. PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

a. N/A

8. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Action is requested on the following items of the consent agenda. Consent agenda items are typically adopted without discussion of the individual items because they are routine or ordinary in action. Board members are asked to preview documents prior to the scheduled meeting. Any consent agenda item may be removed for further discussion and deliberation by any member of the board.

a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - [August 21, 2025](#)

b. **Student Enrollment Update**

As of 9/12/25	Currently Enrolled	Wait List	Transferred Out
KG	0	0	0
1st	7	0	1
2nd	4	0	0
3rd	4	0	0
4th	2	0	4
5th	7	0	1
6th	9	0	0
7th	5	1	2
8th	3	1	1
9th	9	4	3
10th	7	0	3
11th	4	0	0
12th	11	1	0
TOTAL	72	7	15

c. **Human Resources/Personnel Update, Contract Approvals** - will be moved to 'New Business' area in October agenda so the Board can vote on new hires and contracts in October 2025, per Board bylaws.

i. No report for September 2025.

d. **Committee Reports** - No committee reports for the month of September.

e. **Board to begin review** of [25-26 COLA Handbook/Policies](#)

- f. **Any expenditures** previously approved or discussed - N/A

Approval of Consent Agenda

- i. Motion: Chris VanWert
- ii. Second: Loretta Solmon
- iii. In Favor: 2
- iv. Opposed: 0

9. **ACTION ITEMS:** Action items receive individual attention because of the nature of the issues, the need to discuss or review the information prior to taking action, or the specific kind of action required for the action.

a. OLD BUSINESS

- i. **Mobile Classroom Public Usage** - tabled in August meeting
Discussion: Administration has decided to not borrow mobile classrooms out at this time. The Board will not vote on this at this time.
 1. Motion:
 2. Second:
 3. In Favor:
 4. Opposed:
- ii. **COLA Website** - tabled in August meeting
See [Finance Coordinator's Report](#) for this and following items
Discussion: Tabled until October
 1. Motion:
 2. Second:
 3. In Favor:
 4. Opposed:
- iii. **Electronic Sign Replacement** - tabled in August meeting
Discussion: Tabled until October
 1. Motion:
 2. Second:
 3. In Favor:
 4. Opposed:
- iv. **Interior Monitors for messaging** - tabled in August meeting
Discussion: Tabled until October
 1. Motion:
 2. Second:
 3. In Favor:
 4. Opposed:
- v. **Approval of SY25-26 COLA Budget pending SY24-25 rollover funding** - tabled in August meeting
Discussion: Tabled until October

1. Motion:
2. Second:
3. In Favor:
4. Opposed:

b. NEW BUSINESS

i. **Appointment of Officers**

Chair: Trista Ayers

Vice Chair: Loretta Solmon

Secretary: Chris VanWert

1. Motion: Chris VanWert
2. Second: Loretta Solmon
3. In Favor: 2
4. Opposed: 0

ii. **Adoption of Board Code of Ethics - [MSBA](#) or [BIE](#) version**

Discussion: Tabled

1. Motion:
2. Second:
3. In Favor:
4. Opposed:

iii. **Adoption of Board [Public Participation in School Board Mtg Policy](#)**

Discussion: Tabled

1. Motion:
2. Second:
3. In Favor:
4. Opposed:

iv. **Adoption of [Board Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies Policy](#)**

Discussion: Tabled

1. Motion:
2. Second:
3. In Favor:
4. Opposed:

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. [Principal Report](#)
- b. Student Data & Assessment Report - Assessments begin next week. Will have a report for the Board in October 2025.
- c. [Culture & Language Dept Report](#)
- d. Finance Report - No report for September 2025.

11. UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- a. October 6-9, 2025, BIE will be onsite for Programmatic & Fiscal Review. The Board is asked to be available.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

- a. Agenda Items
 - i. Review of Mission Statement
 - ii. Drafting of Vision Statement and school values
 - iii. Establish School Safety Committee
 - 1. Implement policy and establish drill schedule
 - 2. Foster partnerships with law enforcement, first responders, community partners
 - 3. Conduct safety self-assessment (available through Shayla Williams, BIE)
 - iv. Approval of SY25-26 School Policies
- b. Work Session: September 30th at 5pm, COLA
- c. Next Meeting: Second Tuesday at 5pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion: Chris VanWert
- b. Second:Loretta Solmon
- c. In Favor:2
- d. Opposed:0

Time: 6:50 am **pm**