Mission: The mission of the Kwiyagat Community School is to ensure an educational program where the Nuchu culture and language guides the educational experience and is characterized by small class sizes with an interdisciplinary, Indigenous, and project-based approach that results in high academic expectations and desired character skills, personal wellness and community involvement.

KCA Board Meeting Minutes October 8th, 2026

5pm by Zoom and in person at KCA in Towaoc, CO

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82232620340?pwd=lZRzsJShcBcY9NqgXQFJpIyMqPF5XH.1

Call to order and Welcome - Tina at 5:05pm

Roll Call
Tina King-Washington - here
Tawnie Knight - here online
Alicia Whitehead - absent with notice
Ceriss Blackwood - here online
Raleigh Cato - here

Approval of Agenda-Vote - Raleigh motions, Ceriss seconds, agenda approved at 5:07pm

Approval of the minutes for Sept 10th, 2026 meeting- Vote - Tawnie motions with edit (date of meeting was an error), Raleigh seconds, approved at 5:08pm

Community addresses the Board: none requested, none in attendance

Reports:

· Presentation on Colorado Charter School Institute Annual Review of Schools (CARS) – Ryan Marks (CSI) - AEC SPF - alternative education campus (year 1 with this designation, 90% or more high risk students served) school performance framework; priority improvement school at 40/100 points earned (academic achievement, academic growth, student engagement)

-3rd, 4th, 5th grade CMAS scores on ELA and Math
-Academic growth is a place we can really shine moving forward
-Student engagement a major strength of ours (attendance and truancy; returning student rate, Ute language proficiency) - we're the only school in the state with this measure and we're meeting it at 59.4%

-CSI believes our school is working well and we need more accurate/ appropriate measures to report to the state to best represent us; CSI will continue to advocate for additional measures added to reflect our unique population and AEC status (i.e. STAR reading and math results, previously denied measures like DESSA - "student data" is student generated rather than adult reported, and overall discipline rate - sought to compare to RE1 but that data isn't public); Would the Council writing a letter of support to the commissioner be helpful? Requests direct to RE1 may help too… IPP is public data, Dan will look at sharing

· Council Report - tabled until next month

· Principal Report

1. Facilities update - new modulars bids out, USDA wants an architect report; ground cover considerations;

2. Staffing Update - Bloomberg $900m over three years opportunity opening

3. Enrollment – October Count - 68 enrolled

· Finance Report - no meeting this month, nothing to vote on, nothing has changed much, audit is almost over and its looking good

Discussion:

School Performance Framework review - covered by Ryan Marks (see above)
UIP Draft review - we reviewed this as a board at the retreat on 9/26/26, will get the final update from Dan, need to have a brief meeting to vote and approve

Action Items : none

Adjourn - Raleigh motions, Tawnie seconds, adjourned at 5:48pm