I. Welcome

1. Call to order / Roll Call at 3:00 P.M., August 28, 2023, in Multi Purpose Building at Desert Star Community School

Jason Vargo – Present Pat Jansen – Present Kim Koistinen – Present Kris Mattson – Present Yvan Rochon – Present Emily Snelling – Present

Guests: Cheryl LeBlanc – Present Dru Smith-Crain – Present

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: Pat moved to approve the agenda as noted

SECOND: Yvan

VOTE: Unanimous

3. Meeting Opening: Jason welcomed everyone and thanked them for their interest and involvement in Desert Star School.

Board Business

Presentation of Annual Report

Jason reviewed the 2022-2023 SY DSCS Annual Report. This report will be posted on the desertstarschool.org website and will be distributed via ParentSquare.

Call to the Public

Jason asked if anyone had any comments to share or questions to ask.

Discussions included the following:

Positive reinforcement for the value of the Arizona Tax credit for school donations

Value of membership in the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education.

Current enrollment concerns were raised. Exit interviews are conducted when students leave to understand the reasons for leaving the school. Potential opportunities for increasing enrollment were discussed.

Where are the play areas in the new school layout? These will be defined as the details of the campus layout continue to evolve.

Will there be an opportunity to meet the candidates for the School Board this year? Yes, this opportunity is provided every year.

Are after-school programs being considered? Yes, as funding becomes available.

Next Board meeting: Monday, September 18, 3:00 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Building at Desert Star Community School.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kim, seconded by Kris. Unanimous at 3:38 p.m.

Submitted by Pat Jansen, Secretary