



September 16, 2021 6:00 P.M.  
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
 7800 Airport Center Drive, Greensboro, NC

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Meeting Minutes

Member Attendance

Date	Jonetta Appling	Erina Byers	Chris Gorham	Cyndie Swindlehurst	Tony Wilkins
7/16/21	Phone	Phone	A	Phone	Phone
7/26/21	A	Phone	A	Phone	Phone
8/30/21	Phone	Phone	Phone	Phone	Phone
9/16/21	Phone	Phone	A	Phone	Phone

I. Call to Order

Time: 6:02 PM

- II. Motion to approve the agenda Cyndie/Erina/all
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Mission Statement:
  - *Cornerstone Charter Academy, a tuition-free public charter school, will give every student the opportunity to reach his or her potential by providing a rigorous academic program, character education and meaningful parental participation.*
- V. Motion to approve minutes from 8/30/21 Cyndie/Jonetta/all
- VI. 2020-2021 End of Grade/End of Course Results Joe Caraher
- VII. COVID Update Joe Caraher
- VIII. Actionable Items from Committee. Motion to approve as a slate Cyndie/Tony/all
  - Approval of new edition of textbook for AP Government
  - Approval of new edition of textbook for US History
  - Approval of novels for Book Club elective.
  - Approval of play for performance
- IX. Reports to the Board
  - Director's report (oral)
- X. Public Comments—none
- XI. Motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters.  
Cyndie/Erina/all Time: 6:24 PM
- XII. Return to open session at 6:26 PM
- XIII. Motion to approve Alyssa Anderson as a sub Cyndie/Erina/all

XIV. Motion to adjourn Cyndie/Tony/all

Time: 6:29 PM

Minutes submitted on: October 20, 2021

Minutes approved on: October 21, 2021

*Jonetta Appling*\_\_\_\_\_

Jonetta Appling, board secretary

## Advanced Placement United States History, 4th Edition

<https://www.perfectionlearning.com/amsco-ap-social-studies/advanced-placement-united-states-history-4th-edition-t1688-g.html>

Concise and accessible text structured and written to follow the current AP Course and Exam Description. Content topics provide core narrative of U.S. history organized in short, focused sections. The text is aligned to course exam framework and correlated in the areas of historical thinking skills, reasoning processes, themes, and content. Text includes primary sources, special features, multiple assessment opportunities, and a complete AP U.S. History practice exam. Prior edition available.

## Advanced Placement United States Government & Politics, 3rd Edition

<https://www.perfectionlearning.com/amsco-ap-social-studies/advanced-placement-united-states-government-politics-3rd-edition-t3202-g.html>

Cover all the essential content and prepare students for the AP U.S. Government and Politics exam by exploring the foundations of American democracy, branches of government, civil liberties/rights, political ideologies/beliefs, and political participation. The text includes all nine required foundational documents, the complete text of the United States Constitution, and Supreme Court case descriptions. Track student progress with unit reviews, assessments, and a full-length AP Government and Politics practice exam modeled on the new course and exam descriptions.

Proposal for new books for my book club elective Furrow *Mrs. Bixby's*

### ***Last Day* by John David Anderson grades 4-6**

#### ***New York Times Book Review* Editor's Choice**

"Kids won't just love this book. They need it." —Soman Chainani, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The School for Good and Evil*

"Each page crackles as we embark on the greatest adventure of all." —Gary D. Schmidt, Newbery Honor winner and author of *Okay for Now*

Everyone knows there are different kinds of teachers. The boring ones, the mean ones, the ones who try too hard, the ones who stopped trying long ago. The ones you'll never remember, and the ones you want to forget. Ms. Bixby is none of these. She's the sort of teacher who makes you feel like school is somehow worthwhile. Who recognizes something in you that sometimes you don't even see in yourself. Who you never want to disappoint. What Ms. Bixby is, is one-of-a-kind.

Topher, Brand, and Steve know this better than anyone. And so when Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she won't be able to finish the school year, they come up with a risky plan, more of a quest, really, to give Ms. Bixby the last day she deserves. Through the three very different stories they tell, we begin to understand what Ms. Bixby means to each of them—and what the three of them mean to each other.

### ***The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley grades 4-6**

**\*2016 Newbery Honor book**

**\*Winner of the 2016 Schneider Family Book Award**

**This #1 *New York Times* bestseller is an exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War II. For fans of *Counting by 7s* and *Sarah, Plain and Tall*.**

Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.

So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother?

### ***The Thing about Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin grades 4-7**

**Now available in paperback, this stunning debut novel about grief and wonder was an instant *New York Times* bestseller and captured widespread critical acclaim, including selection as a 2015 National Book Award finalist! Oddlot Entertainment has acquired the screen rights to *The Thing About Jellyfish*, with Gigi Pritzker set to produce with Bruna Papandrea and Reese Witherspoon.**

Everyone says that it was an accident... that sometimes things "just happen". But Suzy won't believe it. Ever. After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy was a rare jellyfish sting. Retreating into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory--even if it means traveling the globe, alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe...and the potential for love and hope right next door.

### ***When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead grades 5-7**

**This Newbery Medal winner that has a fantastic puzzle at its heart has been called “smart and mesmerizing,” (*The New York Times*), “superb” (*The Wall Street Journal*), and “incandescent” (*The Washington Post*).**

When Miranda starts receiving mysterious notes, she doesn't know what to do.

The notes tell her that she must write a letter, a true story, and that she can't share her mission with anyone—not even her best friend, Sal.

It would be easy to ignore the strange messages, except that whoever is leaving them has an uncanny ability to predict the future. If that's the case, then Miranda has an even bigger problem—because the notes tell her that someone is going to die, and she might be too late to stop it.

## ***The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander grades 5-7**

**2015 Newbery Medal Winner**

**2015 Coretta Scott King Honor Award Winner**

***New York Times* Bestseller**

*"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering,"* announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood from Kwame Alexander.

Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.

## ***Rules* by Cynthia Lord grades 3-7**

This 2007 Newbery Honor Book is a humorous and heartwarming debut about feeling different and finding acceptance. Now in *After Words* paperback!

Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public"---in order to head off David's embarrassing behaviors.

But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

## **Proposal for a Play for Highschool Drama Abby Cockman**

### **Description**

A title known the world over, *Elf The Musical JR.* is a must-produce holiday musical based on the cherished New Line Cinema hit, *Elf JR.*

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and

discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and that his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make every young performer embrace his or her "inner elf" with plenty of large ensemble numbers featuring elves and (New Yorkers) of every type.

The play has a G rating.