

**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
Southwest Leadership Governing  
Thursday, June 25, 2013  
8:30-9:30 AM  
Via Webex

**In attendance:**

Mike Gantt, Board Secretary  
Barry McBride, Board Treasurer  
Brian Heath, EMO  
CJ Bower, EMO  
Cole Arnold, EMO  
Mikii Bendotti, EMO  
Mark Yockus, EMO  
Nancey Carter, Board Liaison

**Absent:**

Harriet Caruso, Board President  
No members of the public present.

1. Call to order and roll call by Mike Gantt @8:38 am.
2. Mike Gantt made a motion that the Draft Meeting Minutes from 4.11.13 Board Meeting be tabled until the next meeting; Barry McBride 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so approved.
3. Update of New Board Member Recruitment.

Mike Gantt discussed his recruiting efforts. Jim Walsh declined due to other commitments; will keep on the list in case his schedule frees up; he does have the materials. Indicated speaking with Jim Copenhaver who is interested in finding other things and has many community connections. He's reviewing the materials and will get back to Mr. Gantt with his decision. Has not heard back from Art Hamilton at this time so Mr. Gantt will continue to follow up with him.

Unsuccessful in getting David Gaspar's contact info; Veronica Balzac politely declined. Lou Olivos is considering a role on the board and will be coming out to do a tour of Canyon State. Harriet Caruso will potentially be joining ROP as an employee, so she will need to be replaced on the Board to avoid conflict of interest.

Another person Mr. Gantt might approach for a role on the board is Ray Avisu; he will be contacting him.

Other areas to look more closely at are established community partnerships with agencies already working with Southwest Leadership Academy such as Project Rise from ASU, MyTac, the Youth Advisory committee from Maricopa County, SLA's food services agency, youth ministry program and LULAC.

4. Review and feedback on Logo.

Brad Gantt is still reworking based on feedback from the last meeting; will present at the next board meeting.

#### 5. Budget Review and Approval.

Management Team CFO reviewed the budget which is based on 300 students. Currently 195 enrolled; calling 346, most of whom were enrolled last year. Have until 7/12 to get 300 count in.

Position Control Roster (PCR) is the same as last year. School Business Manager is a new position. Three out of four behavior mentors will be returning. All teachers are coming back; 4% increase will be added onto salaries as that is the average for above standard.

\$12,600 is the cost of the audit. Rent is based on current lease. If able to sublet, additional income can be garnered.

Roll forward budget: what was spent in the prior year, plus anything else, balanced budget with \$3,700 left over. Mr. Gantt asked how much of building is empty: 50%; building is fallow. Mr. Heath indicated they are thinking about perhaps an evening learning center or a daycare for girls that are parents.

Funding payment begins 8/1 and every month thereafter.

AZ State procurement rules exception has been sent out and needs to be accepted. Barry McBride made a motion to accept the exception waiver; Mr. Gantt 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor, so approved.

#### 6. EMO Report by Brian Heath:

##### a. Planning process update

Mikii Bendotti discussed the curriculum start up and beginning with remediation in Math. Computers will be put into the Math classrooms. English department will have more class sets of novels; also investigating the most inexpensive way to put together a library. Inventoried donated books and retained those books, as well.

Developing a curriculum map using Phoenix Union High School District as a model. Teachers donating time to put all this together. Mr. Heath is putting together a retreat for Arizona schools. Ms. Bendotti is developing her own teacher evaluation tool for SLA teachers.

Also straightening out the student files to ensure they are in-line to pass a charter board audit.

##### b. Teacher contracts

Excellent registrar hired.

ADE coming to help develop an ELL Program and Ms. Ortega will be sitting in on the development.

One position open-coach counselor. Great candidate from Career Success: Chuck Connor, offered the Math teacher position.

Summer School moved to June rather than July. Need to include recruiting flyer and staff bios on the website.

Had 300 students enrolled at the end of the year. Need to re-enroll for Southwest Leadership Academy because it's a new entity. Currently, they've re-enrolled 190. Going to call students and visit them at their house to recruit students enrolled last year to come back.

SPED Service Agreement for the first year then provide their own SPED services afterwards.

Mr. Gantt indicated that the Board would like to see draft of Student Handbook and P&P before finalized, as well as seeing the discipline and SPED policies and procedures.

c. School field update

Hydro seeded and watered every couple of hours and also refertilized. Mike Gantt indicated this topic does not need to be included on the Agenda, going forward. The Board would like to hear about it when there is anything to report.

d. Food Service review

Food service agreement is in the works and does need to be reviewed by the Board. Food service provider is going to do the open houses for recruitment.

Mr. Gantt asked about the bus Lease Agreement that was sent out to the Board. Mr. Yockus indicated that a new lease had to be signed under Southwest Leadership Academy for the vans/busses used at Mission. Two vans and a bus are utilized for transporting kids to and from school, as well as to field trips and sporting events.

A special meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 7/9 @8:30am to adopt the approved budget with any changes. A message will be sent to Harriet Caruso to ensure her availability.

7. Public Comment

No one from the public present on the call; no public comment submitted.

8. Adjournment.

Mike Gantt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am; Barry McBride 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, so moved.

Minutes scribed by Nancey Carter for Mike Gantt.

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