

## Meeting Minutes

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

8:30-10:15 AM

### In attendance:

Harriet Caruso, Board President  
Mike Gantt, Board Secretary  
Barry McBride, Board Treasurer  
Mia Damiani, Potential Board Member  
Mikii Bendotti, EMO  
Mark Yockus, EMO  
Nancey Carter, EMO Board Liaison

### Absent:

No members of the public present

1. Call to order and roll call by Harriet Caruso @ 8:40 AM.
2. Mike Gantt moved to approve and Barry McBride 2ond the motion to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Board Business
  - a. Recruiting Update
    - a. M.s Jenny Diaz, Ms. Myriam Villareal and Ms. Mia Diamani's information was sent to the Charter Board and still awaiting approval.
    - b. An update on Adrian Vyas will be provided at the next meeting.
    - c. Other names were provided as potential board members.
5. Financial Report will be presented next meeting. However, the forty day student count is 238 which will indicate a reduction in budget.
6. Harriet reported that IDEA money has been downloaded and will be used to pay for Special Education costs incurred such as IEP Pro, Steps Services and a Special Education Teacher. A team of people will work on writing an application for the ADE CSP Grant.
7. School Report: Mark Yockus
  - a. Completed staff survey questions were sent to AdvancED. AdvancED is requiring additional information including an analysis of what the staff surveys indicated.
  - b. Mid-term grades are going out this week.
  - c. Open House will be next week.
  - d. Breakfast will be served in classrooms starting this week.
  - e. Intercom and ROBO call are up and running.
  - f. Award Assembly was exciting because one of the teachers played in his band for the students.

Brian Heath reported that Dalia Lockhart will be assisting the Behavior Mentors in how to recover truant students. He also explained how Greg Fowler will be placed at Southwest Leadership Academy to help with credit recovery and community building.
8. Student Achievement and State Reporting: Micheline Bendotti and Harriet Caruso
  - a. Teacher Evaluations began this month.

- b. MAP/ AIMS Scores: Micheline Bendotti presented scores from the MAP test during a power point presentation. If AIMS scores are available by the next board meeting, a report will be forthcoming.
- c. Most teachers completed 71 hours of staff development the first quarter.
- d. Policy manual will be completed during the first week of December.
- e. 301, Teacher and Principal Evaluation tool were presented in a power point.

**Action Item:** After the presentation and a question/ answer session, the board voted and passed approval for the 301 plan and the Principal and Teacher Evaluation tool.

*(Attached are the Teacher Evaluation and Principal Evaluation Instruments as well as the power point.)*

9. No public comment received. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

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