

Meeting Minutes

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

8:30-10:30 AM

In attendance:

Mike Gantt, Board Member

Charles Holinka, Board Member

Jenny Diaz, Board Member

CJ Bower, EMO

Brian Heath, EMO

Greg Fowler, EMO

Mikii Bendotti, EMO

Nancey Carter, EMO

Not present:

Mia Damiani, Board Member

Myriam Villarreal, Board Member

No members of the public present

1. Call to order and roll call by Mike Gantt @8:48 am.
2. Jenny Diaz moved to approve the April Draft Meeting Minutes; Mike Gantt 2nd the motion, all in favor, so moved.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Board Business
 1. Recruiting Update: Mr. Gantt indicated Mr. Copenhaver is interested in joining the board and has the board recruitment material. He will contact and invite him to the next board meeting.

Brian Heath identified David Smoot as a potential candidate; he has a non-profit foundation for youth. Mr. Heath suggested everyone take a look at his website.

Chuck Holinka is also speaking with Bill Saul of Colliers for potential board membership.

- I. Fingerprint card still pending for Mr. Holinka so he can be added as new board member on AZ Charter website.

Board approved motion to move BOD meeting from 3rd Tuesday of the month to 4th Tuesday of the month.

5. Financial Report given by Ms. CJ Bower, CFO for the EMO, covering the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows. Currently, positive cash flow for the

end of the school year. Need to have a reserve of three months operating expenses, so we are right on target. Funding stream will begin again in August.

- a. The Board reviewed the FY 2015 budget. Mr. Gantt motioned to approve the budget, Mr. Holinka 2nd; all in favor, budget approved to be posted for public review.
 - b. Ms. Bower suggested checking auctions and warehouses for used furniture. Saturday, 6/7 is school furniture auction.
6. School Report by Mr. Fowler and Ms. Bendotti.
- a. About 260 students at year end.
 - b. Cap for total students is 325 per charter agreement. Mr. Holinka explained how it works with student/teacher/budget ratio.
 - c. School grade is at a C or D, based on ADE standards, AIMS scores, and as part of the Alternative School Consortium.
 - d. Next year's calendar/schedule will be revised to be closer to what was proposed in the charter. Ms. Bendotti submitting to AZ Charter Board.
 - e. Accreditation ongoing.
 - f. Currently, all teachers returning. Need to hire another behavior mentor.
 - g. School approved as an Alternative School.

7. Future Agenda Items:

- i. Student Handbook.
- ii. Teen outreach program training and set up.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am by board consensus.

Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter for Mr. Mike Gantt. ##