

Meeting Minutes
Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
10:00-11:00am

In attendance:

Mike Gantt, Board Member – Present
Jenny Diaz, Board Member – Via Telephone (10:09am)
Mia Damiani, Board Member– Via Telephone
Greg Fowler, EMO – Present
Jim Mosley, EMO – Present
Anthony Scanio, EMO – Via Telephone

Guests: Brittany Hunt – Rev Foods
Lorie Pugh – Rev Foods

1. Call to order and roll call by Mike Gantt @ 10:01am.
2. Mike Gantt moved to approve the December 13th Draft Meeting Minutes as presented. Ms. Damiani 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Board Business:
 - a. Presentation by Rev Foods: Ms. Diaz wanted to know how the kids were at accepting healthy food and if they seemed to be getting used to the food. She also questioned whether there was an availability of a salad bar. Ms. Pugh and Ms. Hunt assured the board that things were moving in the right direction and that a salad bar could be available. Mr. Gantt reminded everyone of the waste that is generated by a salad bar and shared some of his experiences in the retail industry.

Ms. Hunt shared that they had kicked off the school year with a student/parent tasting that had gone well. They also did a teacher tasting to introduce teachers to the foods that students would be eating. They have also done a “new menu” item sampling to encourage students to try the new food coming out. Menus are created best on school feedback to ensure a variety in the menu options. They are introducing new entrees monthly. We are noticing a decrease in waste with a definite increase in the fruit being consumed. Rev Foods reiterated their commitment to SLA and ensuring the best meal program possible.
 - b. Consideration of the FY16 audit was tabled until Ms. Bower is available. She was unable to attend the meeting due to being out of State.

5. Ms. Bower was unable to attend due to being out of State. Financial report was tabled until next meeting.
6. A brief overview of what was going on at SLA was shared. Student count was approximately 397. Staffing was looking at replacing an English teacher who resigned during break. It looks like both the Girls' and Boys' basketball teams will be in the playoffs. The last round of testing revealed positive growth (approximately 9 points) in both reading and math. We believe we may be looking at graduating 83 students this year.

Mr. Gantt brought up Junior Achievement and questioned when to begin preparation for the competition? The date is set in April. Some discussion on how to select the students who might participate. Mr. Gantt and Mt. Scanio were going to follow up on JA>

7. Future Agenda Items: None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03am by board consensus.

Minutes transcribed by Jim Mosley for Mr. Mike Gantt. ##