

**Meeting Minutes**  
Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board  
Tuesday, November 25, 2014  
8:30-10:00 AM

**In attendance:**

Mike Gantt, Board Member - Via Telephone  
Jenny Diaz, Board Member - Via Telephone  
Myriam Villarreal, Board Member - Absent  
Mia Damiani, Board Member – Via Telephone  
Greg Fowler, EMO  
Jim Mosley , EMO

No members of the public present

1. Call to order and roll call by Mike Gantt @8:37 am.
2. Jenny Diaz moved to approve the October Draft Meeting Minutes with the following changes; item 4a to read ... Discussion regarding Tara Laurie as a potential member of the Board. She is the Maricopa County Facilitator for Streets of Success Program. Mr. Gantt requested that she come for an informal Board interview. Mr. Holinka, *a consultant who has helped the board* will not be available for a period of time *due to medical/health issues*. Item 6g to read ... Evening Reporting Center (ERC)-ROP awarded a contract to provide an evening learning center. Will sub-lease two classrooms in the school building for evenings and weekends. Mr. Heath said the official name will be Rite Path. *Board agreed to the lease terms*. Mia Damiani 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Board Business

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1. Discussion regarding Tara Laurie as a potential member of the Board. Mr. Gantt will contact Ms. Laurie and meet with her prior to the January meeting to which she may be invited. Ms. Diaz shared that Ms. Laurie had been out of town due to a death in the family.
2. Regarding additional Board members, Mr. Gantt has spoken with Jim Copenhaver to see if he may be interested in joining the Board. Mr. Copenhaver was an executive with the Honeywell Corporation and was involved with the Denver Symphony Orchestra, as well as has been a member of other boards. Mr. Gantt relayed the intention the board has discussed parents of group homes and that Ms. Damiani had brought up law enforcement. Ms. Diaz mentioned that a member from the group home coalition might be most appropriate for our population.
3. The schedule for board meetings was discussed. Ms. Diaz would like to see more connection with the school and fears that quarterly in person may not be enough. However, today's meeting seemed to be going well in her opinion. The schedule that Nancey Carter emailed on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> was briefly discussed. It calls for the next "in person" meeting in Jan. 2015 with

discussed, it calls for the next in person meeting in Jan. 2015 with telephonic meetings for the following two months. Mr. Gantt mentioned that perhaps a "School Development Committee" could be used to increase school involvement. Both Ms. Diaz and Ms. Damiani agreed. Ms. Diaz moved to approve the proposed board meeting calendar with SDC meetings as needed. Ms. Damiani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mosley brought up the next meeting would be scheduled for Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, however, there may be a need for a Special meeting of the Governing Board prior to the Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> date for budget revisions. Members agreed to look at the availability for a meeting either Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. In addition changing the meeting time to 10:00 am was agreed upon.

4. Mr. Mosley explained that the Curriculum Adoption Policy was needed as a requirement for the Performance Management Plan (PMP) with the charter board. The policy was researched and as presented was comprehensive. Ms. Diaz moved to approve the Curriculum Adoption Policy. Ms. Damiani seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Financial Report provided electronically by Ms. CJ Bower, CFO for the EMO, covering the Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Ms. Diaz moved to approve the financial report as presented electronically. Ms. Damiani seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. School Report by Dr. Fowler.

- a. Has been a busy year. Things are going well. The luncheon last week was well attended by students and their families. Another is planned for Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- b. 2015 IDEA – RDA Implementation Grant is an Exceptional Student Services grant to fund professional development to increase teacher capacity as well as increase student achievement of all students including students with special needs.
- c. Student count is currently at 301; Average daily attendance is between 165 and 170. 10 – 15 new enrollments per month.
- d. Ms. Jeannie Flanne has been hired as the English teacher. Ms. Jessica Garcia has been hired as a math teacher..
- e. Ec. 18<sup>th</sup> holiday luncheon. Week of Dec 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Week.
- f. Ms. Bendotti finished the PMP for the Charter Board. SLA is doing small group in-services with teachers based on teacher selected or administration recommended. A calendar has been completed with the dates for different trainings and assessments. Mr. Mosley would email the board a copy of the calendar.
- g. Continuing to work through Federal programs (Title I NSLP).

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h. No new information.

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- j. Greg discussed the need for CTE courses at SLA. SDC to meet with administration and report back to the board.

7. Future Agenda Items: Food Service. Board Membership.

Ms. Diaz would like follow up with the food bank.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 am by board consensus.

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

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