

Meeting Minutes
Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
10:00-11:00 AM

In attendance:

Mike Gantt, Board Member - Via Telephone
Jenny Diaz, Board Member - Via Telephone (10:12 am)
Myriam Villarreal, Board Member – Via Telephone
Mia Damiani, Board Member – Via Telephone
Micheline Bendotti, EMO
Greg Fowler, EMO
Jim Mosley , EMO

No members of the public present

1. Call to order and roll call by Mike Gantt @8:02 am.
2. Mike Gantt moved to approve the November Draft Meeting Minutes as written. Mia Damiani 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Board Business
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 1. Tara Laurie as a potential member of the Board will be invited to an upcoming meeting so that Board members may meet and get acquainted with her.
 2. Mr. Gantt has spoken with Jim Copenhaver who is still interested in joining the Board.
 3. The scheduled for January board meeting will be at 10:00am, as will future board meetings.
5. Financial Report: None provided due to short turnaround from last meeting.
6. School Report by Dr. Fowler.
 - a. Things are going well. Expecting two waves of enrollment; next week and the week we return from break. Also expect increase after Phoenix Union's 100th day.
 - b. Student count is currently at 301; Average daily attendance is 184. 151 attending today.
 - c. Staffing has remained steady.
 - d. Dec. 18th holiday luncheon will begin at 9:00am. It will be a time to celebrate staff and the Board is invited to attend. Mr. Mosley will post an agenda stating that no Board business is to take place, since there may be a quorum of the board.

- e. Ms. Bendotti discussed that Read 180 had been installed and that there was training last Friday. That it is an excellent remedial program for our students. Mr. Newly will be taking the lead and will work to become highly qualified. Beginning 2nd round of evaluations, which are going well. Getting prepared for the next block of classes.

Greg discussed the need for CTE courses at SLA.

Mr. Gantt questioned regarding how a single test is used. Ms. Bendotti responded with a discussion regarding AzMERIT and that the State Board is considering a two year program to study the test results and how they will be used. Unsure of what/how they will assign letter grades. The test will be an "end of course" test which may prove difficult for our students.

Mr. Gantt questioned what we might expect in the upcoming year.

Difficult to project. Discussion regarding students, their needs, who we get and what we do. Expected to graduate a fifth year senior if they have 2 or 22 credits. Dr. Fowler brought up the need to maintain numbers without specific criteria for keeping students enrolled. Reemphasized the need for CTE programs to promote positive growth and compete with Phoenix Union and all the programs they are offering. Key positions are needed to promote the growth expected such as additional teaching and a students advisor position which is in the original charter and PMP. A perfect candidate for SLA and the students who attend has been interviewed and once proper channels are opened an offer can be made.

This is a systemic approach that was used in the PMP.

- f. Title I grant was approved.

- g. ERC has a few students and seems to be going well.

The need for a more permanent sign was discussed.

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- h. No new needs or concerns were presented.

7. Future Agenda Items: Operating Challenges

Meeting adjourned at 10:41am by board consensus.

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

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