

Meeting Minutes
Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board
Tuesday January 27, 2015
10:00-11:00 AM

In attendance:

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

No members of the public present

1. Call to order and roll call by Mike Gantt @10:00 am.
2. Jenny Diaz moved to approve the December Draft Meeting Minutes as written.
Myriam Villarreal 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Board Business

A)

1. Mr. Gantt will contact Tara Laurie as a potential member of the Board and will invite her to an upcoming meeting so that Board members may meet and get acquainted with her. Mr. Gantt has spoken with Jim Copenhaver who is still interested in joining the Board and Mr. Gantt will meeting with him soon. Ms. Villarreal brought up the desire of the board to have law enforcement represented on the board and will follow up with an individual who is interested..

3. The scheduled board meetings will be at 10:00am, quarterly in person with the remainder being via tele-conference. Mr. Gantt voiced his desire to attend as many as possible in person and welcomed the others to do so also.

5. Financial Report: Ms. Bower provided a written report to the board due to her not being available at the time. The report included the following:

Overall, good month with revenues exceeding expenses by \$11,301.43. About \$1,000 less than budgeted. Revenues were lower than budget as our 40th day count was 258 and our budget was 396. Total expenses were favorable to budget \$24,317 keeping in line with our reduced revenue. Classroom Site Funds are underspent year to date, but will catch up at the end of the year when we use them for benefits, liability insurance and summer school. Title I Revenue is underspent year to date. We will be working on catching that up in the next 6 months. Administrative salaries are over budget as two salaries are higher than budgeted. This will be corrected on the next budget update. Instructional salaries are over budget due to the new pay scales that came out after the budgets were finalized. These too will be corrected with the next budget update
Statement of Cash Flows: Negative cash balance is due to 2 things; 1) Cash is received on the 1st of the month after the month is over, and 2) timing on Accounts Payable.
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At the end of December, we had \$551K in the bank. In June we will have 2 payments, and the cash will be caught up for the year.

6. School Report by Dr. Fowler.

- a. Things are going well. Attendance and enrollment are good.
- b. 2015 IDEA Grant has been submitted. Working with MCESA on the Partners in Prevention grant.
- c. Student count is 329
- d. Staffing has remained steady. Still looking for a reading specialist and a student academic advisor.
- e. AIMS coming up in Feb. and our onsite with NCA is scheduled for the beginning of March.
- f. Greg discussed the need for CTE courses at SLA.
- g. Finishing round two of evaluations this week.
- h. The need for a more permanent sign was discussed.
- i. Would like to see improvement in the quality of food. Overall the program is running well.
- j. As there may be a need to have upcoming executive sessions regarding student behaviors and possible expulsions Mr. Gantt asked to include Executive sessions on upcoming agendas.
- k.
- i.

7. Future Agenda Items: Executive Sessions

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am by board consensus.

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

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