

Meeting Minutes

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

8:30-10:11 AM

In attendance:

Harriet Caruso, Board Member

Mike Gantt, Board President

Mia Damiani, Board Member

Charles Holinka, Board Member

Jenny Diaz, Board Member

Brian Heath, EMO

Greg Fowler, EMO

Tammy Lancaster, EMO

Absent:

Myriam Villarreal, Board Member

No members of the public present

1. Call to order and roll call by Harriet Caruso @8:50 am.
2. Draft Meeting Minutes were deferred to next meeting.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Board Business
 - a) Recruiting Update
 1. Awaiting documents from Ms. Bendotti to be added as Charter rep.
 2. Documents still pending for Mr. Holinka so he can be added as new board member on AZ Charter website.
 3. Mr. Heath, from the EMO, has one potential candidate for consideration of the Board. Mr. Gantt has two possible candidates.
 4. Election of Treasurer is deferred to next regular board meeting.
 5. Location for Board Retreat will be in MECSA offices.
 - b) Ms. Diaz made a motion to sign stop gap contract for the remainder of this year with CSA to be NSLP provider; Mr. Holinka and Mr. Gantt 2nd the motion, so passed for stop gap. Determining NSLP provider for the next school year will be discussed at the board retreat.
5. Financial Report given by Ms. Tammy Lancaster, Controller for the EMO, covering the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows.

Board would have like to have received them prior.

RFP going out for auditor for school (3 year); selection to be announced at the board retreat.

School Report— Mikii Bendotti/Harriet Caruso (Information/Discussion)

a) School Update Summary/Overview

- a. Students on the books: 287, with 30+ ready to enroll for the new term on Monday.
- b. Accreditation person scheduled for 4/9 site visit.
- c. Dr. Greg Fowler offered the Principal position after the interview process was completed.
- d. Calendar of Activities: 3/27-Awards Banquet; 5/2-Prom at the Crescent Hotel; 5/21-Graduation
- e. Lunch program update determined above.
- f. Needs/Concerns: none

7. Student Achievement and State Reporting—Mikii Bendotti and Harriet Caruso (Information/Discussion)

Passed 100th day, all clean at state for enrollment and attendance. School to coursework connection completed.

Lease renewal submitted

Positive media attention, student's hosted car wash TV and Radio did segments, raised over \$500.00 for 100 club of phoenix. (Fallen Officers)

Student C. Moore voted MVP

Mr. Kevin Knight donated \$2,000.00 for state championship rings for the students.

8. Identify future agenda items: none at this time.

Adjournment at 10:10 am by board consensus.

Minutes transcribed by Ms. Harriet Caruso. ##