

## Meeting Minutes

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

8:30-11:30 AM

### In attendance:

Mike Gantt, Board Member  
Mia Damiani, Board Member  
Myriam Villarreal, Board Member  
Charles Holinka, Board Member  
Jenny Diaz, Board Member  
CJ Bower, EMO  
Brian Heath, EMO  
Greg Fowler, EMO  
Mikii Bendotti, EMO  
Nancey Carter, EMO

No members of the public present

1. Call to order and roll call by Mike Gantt @9:10 am.
2. Jenny Diaz moved to approve the February and March Draft Meeting Minutes; Chuck Holinka and Mia Damiani 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, so moved.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Board Business
  1. Recruiting Update: Mr. Holinka has a potential candidate and will follow up with him (Copenhaver).
    - I. Fingerprint card still pending for Mr. Holinka so he can be added as new board member on AZ Charter website.
    - II. EMO suggested the board attempt to recruit a local business owner to assist students with finding employment. Law enforcement and religious services also not represented on the board.
    - III. Ms. Diaz nominated Mike Gantt for President of the Board; all in favor of the nomination; so moved. Mr. Mike Gantt is President of the SLA Governing Board.

Ms. Diaz nominated Chuck Holinka as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board; all in favor of the nomination; so moved. Mr. Chuck Holinka is the Secretary/Treasurer of the SLA Governing Board.
5. Financial Report given by Ms. CJ Bower, CFO for the EMO, covering the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows. Currently, positive cash flow for the school; 1 staff vacancy and 1 behavior mentor vacancy.

Ms. Bower and the Board discussed the upcoming budget review in May, including the audit requirements and the RFP respondents. Several firms were presented for consideration. Ms. Diaz moved to accept Fester & Chapman as the auditing firm; Ms. Damiani 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor, motion passed.

- a. Board members and EMO discussed the types of grants available and potential due dates; Board will be notified of any grant opportunities being pursued.
- b. NSLP being managed by Canyon State Academy, as directed by the Board during the March BOD meeting. Lunch counts need to be submitted to accounting to properly bill NSLP.
- c. Alternative School application submitted to ADE and will be audited for designated criteria. **Action:** Ms. Diaz moved to support the Alternative Education Application submission; Ms. Damiani 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, so moved.
- d. SLA is operating on a revised weekly schedule from what was submitted in the charter application. EMO's school leadership is asking the board to consider and approve an Addendum to the Calendar/Schedule for the 2014-2015 school year. **Action:** Ms. Diaz moved to accept the request to submit an Addendum to the Calendar/Schedule for 2014-2015 so that it aligns to the charter application; Ms. Damiani 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, so moved.

Calendar of Activities: 5/2-Prom at the Crescent Hotel; 5/21-Graduation

- e. Course Credit policies are in final draft form and will be submitted to the BOD by the EMO.

6. Suggested future agenda items for next month:

Discussion of how the school will be assigned a letter grade.

Increasing student cap: Ms. Bendotti to follow up with ADE on how to do this.

Next year's calendar/schedule BOD review.

**Note:** Mr. Gantt asked that alerts be sent to the board when issues brought up during Board meetings have been resolved.

Adjournment at 11:30 am by board consensus.

Minutes transcribed by Nancey Carter for Mr. Mike Gantt. ##