

**Meeting Minutes**  
Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board  
Friday December 4, 2015  
10:00-11:30 AM

**In attendance:**

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

1. Call to order and roll call by Mike Gantt @10:08 am.
2. Mia Damiani moved to approve the Oct. 22 Draft Meeting Minutes as written.  
Myriam Villarreal 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  
  
Jenny Diaz moved to approve the October 1 Draft Meeting Minutes as written.  
Myriam Villarreal 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Board Business
  - a. Discussion regarding policies: 600.526 Curriculum; 600.531 Equal Education Opportunities – Mr. Gantt questioned whether we needed to be more gender specific. Policy may be updated at a later date should the Board decide this is necessary.; 600.532 Student Rights and Responsibilities – Mr. Gantt questioned how this might have an effect on married students.; 600.533 Student Involvement in Decision Making  
  
Mia Damiani moved to approve policies: 600.526 Curriculum; 600.531 Equal Education Opportunities; 600.532 Student Rights and Responsibilities; 600.533 Student Involvement in Decision Making. Myriam Villarreal 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. The translated policy was reviewed.
  - c. Jim updated the board on the results from the student survey regarding the cafeteria. Results were mixed and it appeared that most students would like more appealing food.
5. Mrs. Bower presented a budget update to the board. Currently SLA shows numbers that are lower than estimated. Made a reduction in revenue of approximately \$50k. Appears we will need to do a budget adjustment. Still have

a good cash flow. Putting the brakes on expenditures until finalized. Believe still in good shape just want to be conscious of where we are to not over expend. Mia Damiani moved to approve Ms. Bower's report. Myriam Villarreal 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. School Report by Dr. Fowler.

a. Brief Overview of SLA Program

Copper wiring class starts on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be pushing academics in January. Winter sports have started – girls' and boys' basketball.

b. Student count 386 right now.

c. Tim Gloston – new Dean of Students was introduced.

d. Planning to try and have a dance Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. All state football is coming up. Plan to recognize high academic students. Also looking at overnight team building over break.

e. Continued focus is preparing for AdvancEd and what is actually going on in the classroom. Will be beginning Marzano's 41 strategies on Wed.

f. Ongoing with Title I, etc.

g. Have hired additional custodian.

h. Focus continues to be accreditation.

i. Mr. Heath checked to see who was receiving electronic newsletter. He discussed a partnership with Junior Achievement. Has spoken with Dr. Covey regarding "Check and Connect" a program intended to improve attendance, reduce tardy students and absences. Mr. Heath also discussed championship rings for the football and soccer teams. He proposed that revenue from cafeteria rent for two months (\$5,000) be used toward purchase of the rings. Mia Damiani moved to approve use of rent revenue to purchase rings. Myriam Villarreal 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Future Agenda Items:

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 am by board consensus.

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