

Meeting Minutes
Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board
Tuesday July 28, 2015
10:00-11:00 AM

In attendance:

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

No members of the public present

1. Call to order and roll call by Mike Gantt @10:04 am.
2. Jenny Diaz moved to approve the June and July Draft Meeting Minutes as written. Mia Damiani 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Board Business
 1. Discussion regarding the annual meeting to be held at Canyon State Academy as a joint training session. The date decided on was Aug. 28. The CSA Board is an established board with similarities. Training, board development and best practices will be the focus. The agenda will be forthcoming.
5. Mrs. Bower presented a budget update to the board. Year to date SLA was approximately \$200,000 in the positive after the additional spending for items for the coming year such as \$31,000 for 45 computers, \$9,000 for football equipment, instructional supplies and a loss in the cafeteria which is offset by the rent charged. There were also expenditures for the setup and supplies for the CTE programs which will be starting. Jenny Diaz moved to approve the proposed Mia Damiani 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. School Report by Dr. Fowler.
 - a. Brief Overview of SLA Program

The big draw right now seems to be for cosmetology barbering. Electrical and plumbing are being worked on at this time.
 - b. Student count 311 right now. Applications are coming in.
 - c. Looking for a para-professional.

- d. Goals are the focus with staff.
- e. Culinary Arts program is ready. Focusing on synergy/energy of staff. Dr. Fowler added that we were looking at adding a pre-school or daycare and Ms. Diaz offered her assistance.
- f. Compliance is ongoing.
- g. Would like to have more permanent signage.
- h. Goal for the year is to have over sixty graduates.
- i. Mr. Heath reported on the follow up with St. Mary's foodbank. SLA has been approved. Ms. Diaz had actually started the application process. It is sometimes difficult because you have to wait. He also shared that we may have a potential new board member. John Woodgate, who works at U-Mom, a shelter for the homeless which runs a restaurant. He is their Director of training. He is very connected in the community. He asked to partner with SLA. Dr. Fowler added that he seemed to be a great guy and would like him to be a part of the school.

Ms. Diaz would like to establish dates for vision/hearing screening. She also shared some concerns she has with doors needing locks, a cabinet in the ladies restroom for supplies and to perhaps "spruce" it up a bit.

Next Board meeting to be held at Canyon State Academy in conjunction with the Board Retreat on August 28th.

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7. Future Agenda Items: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am by board consensus.

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

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