**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

**GOVERNING BOARD**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the public, that the Governing Board for Southwest Leadership Academy will hold a meeting open to the public as well as a Board retreat as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings. One or more Board members may participate telephonically. The meeting will be held via video conferencing.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 (H), the Board may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3), the Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on this agenda.

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DATED AND POSTED this 17th day of December 2024.

By

Janet Melton, Compliance Coordinator

AGENDA

Southwest Leadership Academy Governing Board

December 18th, 2024

3:00 PM

Topic: SLA September Board Meeting

Time: December 18, 2024 03:00 PM Arizona

Southwest Leadership Academy

4301 W Fillmore St

Phoenix, AZ 85043

All items on this agenda are open for discussion and possible action, including reports and action items. Public comment will be acknowledged at the end of the agenda items.

A copy of the Agenda and Meeting Minutes are available for review on our website: www.southwestleadershipacademy.com

If authorized by a majority vote of the members of the Governing Board, any matter on the open meeting agenda may be discussed in executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice thereon, pursuant to A.R.S. 38431.03 (A)(3). In addition, the Board, by majority vote may enter Executive Session for discussion and consultation with administration regarding student matters pursuant to A.R.S. §§15-342, 15-521, and 15-843; A.R.S. §38431.03 (A)(2) (consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4). The executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Mike Gantt, Board President; Drew Ainsworth, Treasurer/Secretary; Brian Heath, Ex-Officio Member, Dr. Molly Schloderback, Member; Emily Beard, Member.
2. **Introduction of Visitors:** Bridget Carrington, Superintendent; Christae Spivey, SLA Principal; Janet Melton, SLA Compliance Coordinator; CJ Bower, CFO; Priscilla Ayala, SLA Social Worker
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**: Mike Gantt led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda for December 18, 2024

**Motion:** Move to approve the December 18th agenda as submitted. Emily made a motion, Molly seconded. No opposition. Minutes are approved.

1. **Approval of Board Minutes:** Minutes for September 27th, 2024

**Motion:** Move to approve the SLA Board Meeting Minutes for September 27th as presented. Brian made a motion to approve, Emily made a second motion to approve. Motion is approved.

1. **Financial Review:**

CJ reviewed the financials with the Board.

Follow up with ADE on CLSD on FY22 rollover

**Motion:** Move to receive the financial 5 months ending November 2024 financial reports as submitted**.**

Brian made a motion to approve, and Drew seconded.

Motion is approved with no one opposed.

1. **Review and approval of the revised SLA FY25 budget:**

**A revised budget will be discussed at the next meeting.**

1. **Remove Miqala Salinas from ASBCS and add Janet Melton**

Janet has been with SLA since June and needs to be added as Charter Representative. This allows her to be the keeper of data and compliance matters as it relates to the charter.

**Motion:** Move to approve the removal of the previous compliance coordinator and to add Janet Melton.

Brian made a motion to remove Miqala and Janet as a Charter Representative. Emily seconded. Motion is approved with no opposition.

1. **Presentation of Lovenotes Curriculum – Presented by Priscilla Ayala**

Priscilla presented the two options available to SLA. Both are at no cost to SLA. It would be an elective course for the students and increase the number of courses students could choose from. Curriculum options are attached to the packet provided to the Board.

Emily asked if parent notification was required, and it is. The participation of the freshman population was also discussed. There does not appear to be a concern from the leadership.

Questions regarding prevention of other substance abuse and education being infused in the curriculum. Calling this Healthy Living/Lifestyles.

**Motion:** Motion to approve the Lovenotes curriculum. Emily made a motion to approve with the Lovenotes curriculum with addition of the substance abuse addition and calling it Healthy Living or Healthy Lifestyles. Drew second. The motion passed with no opposition.

1. **Update on Charter Expansion – Presentation by Brian Heath**

Brian gave a presentation on the Charter Replication Expansion. The Board approved the expansion at the June 7th meeting.

SLA met the eligibility requirements (notified on 12/10/2024) for expansion and is ready to move forward with the Application for Replication.

Charter will be located in Queen Creek at the CSA campus and the name selected is Desert Mountain Academy.

William Gelm, Esq. would be the attorney for the Board, if the board approves.

Submission dates were reviewed. Submit the application by 2/9/2025. The next date we could submit is 3/9/2025.

Drew asked how the expansion/replication would affect SLA financially. Brian explained that these were different schools, separate financials.

**Motion:** Approval to submit Application for Replication Charter. Brian moves to give ROP approval to submit application for replication charter, Emily seconds. The board approves unanimously.

1. **School Report:** 
   1. QA Update – Completed
   2. Enrollment – 222-224 currently. This number is expected to increase around February.
   3. Academic Progress & Achievement – Reciprocal teaching to increase literacy is being used here.
   4. Sports/Activities/Clubs – Boxing room – tour – Basketball team is 4-0 (boys)
   5. Staffing – Christae is in the classroom to cover while we search for candidates.
   6. Community Events – Santa’s Workshop is tomorrow, Gingerbread House, Santa is here – Guest Speaker last week, Chris Ransom, screen Hard Miles here
2. **Announcements: None**
3. **Adjournment**: Mike adjourned at 4:15pm.