

Pioneer Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, November 1, 2016

Meeting was held at **Pioneer Preparatory School**
6510 West Clarendon Avenue
Phoenix AZ 85033

Board Members Present: Matt Sandoval (via phone), Cathy Pirrone,
Shelley Baltodano, Jim Diaz, Travis Marderosian

Absent Board Members: None

Also Present: Liz Ogden, Erika Vidaurrazaga, Breanna Spadafora

M Sandoval called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM after a quorum was established.

C Pirrone moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

J Diaz seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

J Diaz approved the board minutes from September 19, 2016

C Pirrone seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Directors Report

See Operations Report.

Why 6th grade Odyssey report showing only 1 student using Compass Learning for 10/17-10/23? Information requested by board on how to interpret Odyssey report.

Pioneer Kindness Challenge shared in CFA newsletter!

Finance Report

See attached report.

No unusual payments for September.

Initial MidFirst payment for building mortgage and initial payment to Challenge Foundation Properties

Have a \$0 in private donations/grant line that had \$9,700 in budget. How are we addressing the lack of donations? There are some grants in draft. Is this the money we are anticipating here?

Change in state income. How are we addressing the income change?

T Marderosian moved to approve the vouchers and financials as presented.
J Diaz seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Team CFA Update

Pioneer Prep was highlighted for the Navajo Airlift Initiative- donated 90 blankets. The class with the most donations was Ms. Hershberger's 6th grade homeroom, who will get to eat pizza with Dr. J, Pioneer's Director.

Western students placed second and third in the goIT Coding Camp, sponsored by Arizona State University and Tata. They were also recommended for full accreditation by AdvancED! This is a huge milestone that will allow Western students to receive federal financial aid and attend all public and private four-year colleges and universities, as well as serve as external validation for our academic, cultural, operational, governance, and financial systems, outcomes, and processes. They're looking for help from the TeamCFA family – they are in the running for a national grant competition from State Farm. Please take a few minutes to vote this week for the Building Warriors program. Through a \$25,000 Neighborhood Assist grant, Western students aim to improve the local Maryvale community by empowering youth to be the change by building change.

NWEA MAP continues to add new reports and resources to support data informed instruction. Kristen Rodriguez is available to assist schools in utilizing the reports and the data more effectively and efficiently.

Annual Core Knowledge Visit/Assessment

On site on Nov 15 or 16

Ms Diane Hamilton will be going into classrooms and assessing the fidelity of the instruction using a predetermined rubric. Grade levels are being prepared for what to expect and focusing on up to date lesson plans. The last CK assessment was 5 years ago, where PPS scored in the developing category. We continue to strive for the proficient category and aim to see many categories now in the emerging category.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding New Board Member Elva Hooker

Board discussed the importance of having board candidates available for a board meeting/interview before voting them onto the board. Elva Hooker was not present today. Vote for approval tabled until next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Fester & Chapman Annual Audit

Tabled the discussion until next month.

Discussion on Board Member Desire to Receive NWEA Data Training

Board expressed interest in learning how to interpret data

Discussion of PPS and YMCA Partnership for Caregiver Program

Unique opportunity to partner with YMCA. Caregiver and school readiness community outreach:

Train the caregiver to be the child's first teacher to preparation for Kindergarten. No fee. PPS to supply the facility 10am-12pm, Mon-Th (4 hours/week on Mon & Wed or Tues & Th) and YMCA to supply the instructors. Class size is 20 participants in each session for a total of 40 cohorts, including caregiver. Offers children the opportunity to be in school prior to kindergarten, becoming comfortable with the school and processes, and reducing anxiety for students and caregivers.

This is a separate program from kindergarten boot camp.

The Board fully supports this partnership and approves the program to start in January.

C Pirrone approved the Caregiver Program in partnership with YMCA

J Diaz seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Summary of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates, and Future Agenda Items

Dec 5

Jan 23

Strategic Planning- second meeting to be scheduled with facilitator. Dr. Sharp to call facilitator to obtain possible dates.

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

S Baltodano moved to adjourn the meeting.

C Pirrone seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM