

Pioneer Preparatory School: A Challenge Foundation Academy

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, March 6, 2017

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

Board Members Present: James Diaz, Shelley Baltodano (phone), Cathy Pirrone (phone) Travis Marderosian (entered at 5:25pm), Elva Hooker(entered at 5:14pm)

Absent Members: none

Also Present: Matt Sandoval, Board Chair
 Jaret Sharp, School Director
 Tisha Crisler, Bookkeeper
 Brianna Spadafora

M Sandoval called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM after a quorum was established.

J Diaz moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
C Pirrone seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mission statement read by Jarret Sharp.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Review the attached written Director's Report.

650 targeted enrollment

613 currently enrolled

Strategic planning for next year- 3 PPS teacher candidates, meeting with Teach for America for summer teaching and potential candiadates.

Field trips- 6th grade: Junior Achievement BizTown, 4th grade: Casa Grande Ruins

National Monument, kindergarten: Desert West Community Center

Partnering with Western School of Science and Technology for Spring Festival

English classes taking place for parents: second semester of classes

COPE Coalition: Substance abuse classes for families

STEPS : total of 64 students

Interventionists: ELL/AZEALA testing this week and next, Cognitive Coaching program is receiving very positive results around training and use.

Small Schools Weight changed thanks to the work of Peter Boyle and Jay Kaprosy totaling an increase of \$200,000 in funds for CFA schools in Arizona.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Please review attached Treasurer's Report and Vouchers List.

S Baltodano moved to approve the vouchers.

J Diaz seconded the move to approve the vouchers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Team CFA Update

10 Core Knowledge History and Geography titles are now available online, CK founder E.D. Hircsh published a new article "In Defense of Educators: The Problem of Idea Quality, Not Teacher Quality", Team CFA Teacher National Conference 2017 June 29-July 1

Revisions and Edits of Directors Job Description

Job description will be placed in school directors contract moving forward. It will be used as a measurement tool moving forward to evaluate director. SMART goals will be developed and evaluated on a 1, 3, 5 year basis.

J Diaz moved to approve the revision of the job description.

E Hooker seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Spring 2016 AzMERIT Results

Crude results show a decrease in percent passing.

Final results due in June and will be brought before the board for more discussion.

Concern of 3rd and 4th grade curriculum, concern for 5th grade progress monitoring.

Not seeing curriculum alignment across grade level or across teachers for ELA.

Discussion Pioneer Preparatory School Charter Replication

Pioneer is eligible to submit for school replication in July based on three-year data that meets requirements

TeamCFA is interested in growing the number of schools and could support a replication with leadership development and start-up support.

Pioneer board has the option to vote to replicate and also to determine the nature of the entity of the new school (e.g. separate 501c3 and board)

Study of the issue is required for a future decision. However, the deadline to submit interest is July.

Discussion and Possible Action- 4th grade out of county field trip

Field trip corresponds to curriculum- Casa Grande Ruins National Monument

Leaving school early (7:30am) and returning late (4:30pm)

T Marderosian moved to approve the field trip

J Diaz seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible action of resignation of Matt Sandoval from the board

Matt Sandoval to resign as of Monday, March 27, 2017
E Hooker moved to approve the resignation.
T Marderosian seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Next meeting March 27, 2017 at 5pm

Discussion and Approval of Revised Budget for Department of Education

S Baltodano moved to enter executive session
C Pirrone seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session entered at 6:04pm pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) §38-431.03.A.1-a.7 notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Pioneer Preparatory School and the general public that the board may go into executive session, which is not open to the public, concerning any item on the agenda, for discussion, consideration or consultations.: (1) of employment issues related to a public officer, appointee, or employee; (2) of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law; (3) for legal advice with attorneys; (4) with attorneys regarding contact negotiations, pending or contemplated litigation or settlement discussions; (5) regarding negotiations with employee organizations; (6) regarding international, interstate or tribal negotiations; or (7) regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

Entered into Public Session at 6:19pm

Proposal 1
C Pirrone moved to approve proposal 1 as discussed in Executive Session
E Hooker seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal 2
T Marderosian moved to approve proposal 2 as discussed in Executive Session
S Baltodano seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

S Baltodano moved to adjourn at 6:41 pm
Cathy seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2017 at 5:00PM