



**School Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2017**

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona School Board was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, in Room 201. Girls Leadership Academy is located at 715 W. Mariposa Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Guadalupe Gutierrez served as recording secretary.

**Members Present:** Dr. Craig Thatcher, Susan Bansak, Jim Hensley, Rona Kasen, Maryann Richardson, and Janita Gordon (telephonically)

**Members Absent:** Nina Munson

**Staff Members Present:** Dr. Kellie Warren, CEO; Dawn Woods, CAO; Rod Kemp, CFO; Amanda Lasita, Director of Development & Communications; Leslie Shultz-Crist, Director of Assessment & College Readiness; Ken Bornscheuer, Assistant Principal; and Lupe Gutierrez, Registrar, Veronica Saenz, Parent Ambassador Leaders (PALS); Terry Poorten, Teacher; Amanda Stoley,

- **General**

- A. Call to Order-Dr. Craig Thatcher**

- The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Craig Thatcher, serving as President.

- B. Roll Call-Dr. Craig Thatcher**

- Dr. Craig Thatcher recognized Nina Munson as not being in attendance.

- C. Citizens Interim**

- None

- **Adoption and Approval of the Agenda**

Jim Hensley moved to adopt the Agenda; it was seconded by Maryann Richardson. All were in favor.

- Executive Session

- None

- **Community Linkage**

- A. Parent Ambassador Leaders (PALS) , Veronica Saenz**

- The PALS group donated silverware, plates and cups for the prom to be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017.
      - PALS will host another Skate night event on Friday, April 21, 2017 at Great Skate from 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

- B. CEO Report, Dr. Kellie Warren**

- Dr. Warren provided the following updates:

- Dr. Warren thanked the Board members for their support of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaming Up for Girls luncheon.

- On Thursday, March 16, 2016 Dr. Warren and Janessa Smith (GLAAZ student) presented at the Diamondback Grand Slam grant presentation. The Agency is in final round of competition. Janessa Smith also attended and presented at the Teaming Up for Girls Luncheon, and did a wonderful job representing the school at both events.
- Dr. Warren introduced Amanda Stolee, Guardian ad Litem and Children's Attorney for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office who is interested in becoming a member of the GLAAZ School Board.
- Dr. Warren announced that Arizona Gives Day is Tuesday, April 4, 2017. This year we are promoting the school prom and we hope that our partners can donate to the prom.
- The Transformation Love and Connection (TLC) Dance is Saturday, May 20, 2017 and will be held at the Desert Botanical Garden.
  - Dr. Warren is asking School Board members to help promote the event and also to sponsor a table for GLAAZ girls to attend this year.
    - Dr. Thatcher and the School Board members agreed to sponsor a table.
    - Tickets are \$150.00 and a table is \$1,500.00.
    - This year's targeted goal is to raise \$50,000. The focus is to raise awareness of the mission of Florence Crittenton.
- Agency Open Houses are scheduled to occur on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 and Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Dr. Warren invited members of the School Board to attend.
- Dr. Warren announced that Bashas' grocery stores have identified Florence Crittenton as their charity for the month of March 2017. To date, \$5,000.00 has been raised.
- Dr. Warren announced the GLAAZ teacher contracts were issued on Friday, March 17, 2017. Completed contracts are due on Monday, April 3, 2017.
  - The Agency is looking into GLAAZ being a part of the State retirement system.

**C. Director of Development and Communications, Amanda Lasita**

Amanda Lasita provided the following Development updates:

- To date the Agency has secured \$496,400 in grant funding.
  - There is \$270,000 in grant funding pending for the following: College readiness and the student success program to support AVID costs; to expand university/college visits to all grade levels; to continue partnership with Phoenix College; and it will also support a full time college counseling position.
- The 2017 Teaming Up For Girls luncheon targeted goal was to raise \$420,000. The Agency raised a total of \$431,030.
  - There were 750 attendees, and \$123,000 was raised at the event.
  - Dawn Woods, CAO expressed how the GLAAZ girls enjoyed and felt honored being part of the event.
- The Diamondbacks Grand Slam grant was awarded to the agency for \$100,000. It will be used to buy three new vans for the Agency. The Diamondbacks also gave the school \$3,000 in softball equipment. The GLAAZ girls will be recognized on the field at the game on Friday, April 7, 2017.

**D. Chief Financial Officer, Rod Kemp**

Rod Kemp provided an overview of the February 28, 2017 Year-to-Date GLAAZ financial statement.

- Total revenues are \$100,000 unfavorable to budget.
- Operating expenses are \$25,000 favorable to budget.
- Results from operations are \$75,000 unfavorable to budget.

**E. Chief Academic Officer, Dawn Woods**

Dawn Woods provided an update on recruitment, school activities and opportunities.

- GLAAZ Recruitment efforts continue:
  - Currently 125 students are enrolled.
  - The Registration/Emergency Cards for 2017 - 2018 school year were distributed to the students.
  - The Enrollment packets for 2017 - 2018 school year were updated and will be distributed this week to the schools we have visited.
  - The third quarter ended on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 and report cards were mailed home.
    - The fourth quarter started on Thursday, March 16, 2017 and students received their new schedules.
  - AIMS Science and Galileo testing took place during the week of March 13, 2017.
  - Student Led Conferences will be held April 6 - 7, 2017.
  - The yearbook has been completed and was submitted for printing.
- GLAAZ Events:
  - The Spring Fling Dance was held on Friday, March 10, 2017.
  - GLAAZ students are on Spring break the week of March 20 - 24, 2017.
  - The "Under the Stars" Prom is Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the American Royal Palace.
    - Juniors and seniors have once again been invited to shop for their prom dresses at The Cinderella Affair (at no cost) on Friday, March 31, 2017.
  - The 2017 Graduation is scheduled to occur on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Phoenix College, in the Bulpitt Auditorium.
  - Twenty-seven students attended the Teaming Up for Girls Luncheon and Janessa Smith was the featured GLAAZ speaker.
  - Ten students attended the ALMA Journalism Workshop (Walter Cronkite School of Journalism) and Andrea Torres won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Spanish writing competition.
  - AVID 9<sup>th</sup> graders are prepping for You're Hired, Junior Achievement Day on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.
  - The Nissan Interactive Driving Safety Assembly was on Friday, March 17, 2017.
  - Leslie Schultz-Crist attended the Arizona Association of School Business Leaders Conference on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.
- The Test Prep Class has shown significant gains in test scores and students are requesting to remain in the class to continue their progress.

**F. Director of Assessment & College Readiness, Leslie Shultz-Crist**

Leslie Shultz-Crist provided a Power Point on the following information:

- Senior Class of 2017
  - GLAAZ has 25 seniors on track to graduate.
  - Eighty seven college applications have been submitted and there are sixty four acceptances to date.
  - Scholarship and grant total to date, is \$395,000 and renewable amount is \$1,134,000.
  - Students recently applied for the following scholarships: 1 Dell Scholar, 2 Dorrance and 2 ASU's Barrett's Honor College).
  - A representative from Cottey College interviewed 2 students for scholarships on February 15, 2017.
  - One student is traveling to Concordia during spring break.
  - Earn to Learn is presenting to juniors on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.
  - Year Up will be presenting to seniors during the month of April.
- **Board member, Rona Kasen**

Rona Kasen is interested in conducting a community wide event, "Raising Resilient Girls". The focus of the event is on the challenges girls face.

**Consideration of Consent Agenda**

None required

- **Action**

- A. **Approval**

- Susan Bansak motioned to approve the February 21, 2017 GLAAZ School Governing Board Meeting Minutes. Rona Kasen seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- **Establishment of Next Meeting Dates, Times, and Places**

The next regular School Board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. Room 201
- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guadalupe Gutierrez  
Registrar to GLAAZ