



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

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona School Board was held on Tuesday, February 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 and Nina Munson

**Members Absent:** Janita Gordon, Rona Kasen and Maryann Richardson

**Staff Members Present:** Dr. Kellie Warren, CEO; Dawn Woods, CAO; Rod Kemp, CFO; Jessie Gillam, CCO; Amanda Lasita, Director of Development & Communications; Leslie Shultz-Crist, Director of Assessment & College Readiness; Ken Bornscheuer, Assistant Principal; and Guadalupe Gutierrez, Registrar.

- **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 Rona Kasen, Maryann Richardson and Janita Gordon as not being in attendance.

- C. **Citizens Interim**

- None

- **Adoption and Approval of the Agenda**

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

- Executive Session

- None

- **Community Linkage**

- A. **Parent Ambassador Leaders (PALS) Liaison Report, Maria Holmes**

- PALS is getting ready to open the window for its scholarship.
      - PALS is currently reviewing the scholarship application to make necessary changes.
      - They will award three scholarships to the top three applicants.
      - PALS has not yet determined the amount of the scholarship.

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

- Dr. Warren provided the following updates:

- Dr. Warren shared the 2017 Teaming up for Girls targeted goal of \$420,000.
      - Dr. Warren shared she serves on the Arizona Council of Human Services Providers Board of Directors and will be attending the Day at the Capitol event, on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 with Board Chair, Tahniah McKeever. The day will begin with conversation with

legislators. Attendees will visit committee hearings, meet with their home and work district legislators and be introduced from the gallery in the House and Senate.

- Dr. Warren shared she will be conducting a facility tour with representatives from Teach for America on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 – GLAAZ School Board member Nina Munson and Board Chair, Tahnia McKeever will also be in attendance.
- Dr. Warren shared that program revenue continues to be low. Rod Kemp, CFO completed a budget reforecast which allows the Agency to identify where it can increase revenue and decrease expenditures.

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

Amanda Lasita provided the following Development updates:

- Tax Credits – the total raised was \$286,115
  - The current total for Foster Care Tax Credit is \$243,615.
  - The current total for Public School Tax Credit is 442,500.
- Grants – To date the Agency has received grant awards in the amount of \$356, 000 and \$15,000 for the school
- Teaming Up For Girls 2017- the targeted goal is to raise \$420,000
  - The event is on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Marriott Camelback Inn Resort
  - Simone Biles will be the featured guest, Jen Bricker will be the H.O.P.E. Award Recipient and Darlene Shepard will be the Visionary Award Recipient.

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

Rod Kemp provided a financial update.

- January 2017 had an operating gain of \$32,000, which is \$32,000 favorable to budget. Total revenue was \$28,000 favorable to budget and total operating expenses were \$4,000 favorable to budget.
- State aid for the 100th day was \$125,562, which represents retroactive payment to the beginning of the year for a student count of 129.3.
- A total of \$1,980 was received in contributions in favor to budget which consists mostly of tax credit donations.
- Year –to-date GLAAZ financial results:
  - Total revenues are \$71,000 unfavorable to budget.
  - Operating expenses are \$36,000 favorable to budget.
  - Results from operations are \$35,000 unfavorable to budget.

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

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

- GLAAZ Recruitment efforts continue:
  - Enrollment on the 100<sup>th</sup> day was 129. Last year the 100<sup>th</sup> day count was 118.
  - Intent to Enroll packets will be distributed in March to current GLAAZ freshmen, sophomores and juniors.
  - Enrollment packets will be distributed in March to all schools we have visited.
- GLAAZ Events:
  - The ASU recruiter visited on February 17, 2017.

- Family Fun Night took place on February 10, 2017. The event generated \$437 for various school clubs
- GALS participated in a community clean up service project on February 14, 2017 and took a field trip to see Hidden Figures on February 17, 2017
- Yearbook members are participating in the ASU/ALMA High School Journalism Workshop essay contest hosted by the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism on March 3, 2017. The winning 10 essays will allow girls to participate in the day-long event.
- Yearbooks are now on sale for \$30 (\$20 below cost). Senior dedication pages are on sale and business advertisements are also being accepted.
- The AVID 9 classes are preparing for the Junior Achievement, You're Hired event on April 4, 2017.
- AVID 11 took a field trip to GCU to tour their medical program/cadaver lab on February 14, 2017.
- English 12 took a field trip to GCU to see Shakespeare's "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" on February 15, 2017.
- Three students were selected (via an essay contest) to attend a field trip to Symphony Hall to see the ballet, Romeo and Juliet.
- The Science field trip to the Phoenix Mountain Preserve will take place on February 24, 2017.
- Science has hosted several guest speakers to include: the Sierra Club, a Biologist, and a worker in the Aeronautics field.
- The GLAAZ "Spring Fling, dance is scheduled for March 10, 2017 and will serve as a fundraiser for the prom.
- This year's Prom-theme is "Under the Stars"; we hope to secure a venue by February 24, 2017.
  - Juniors and seniors have once again been invited to shop for their prom dresses at The Cinderella Affair. Students are able to select prom dresses at no cost.
- The Basketball Banquet will be on February 24, 2017.
- The Softball Team was announced on February 15, 2017 and the first game is scheduled to occur on March 7, 2017.
- The Soccer Team was announced on February 15, 2017 and the first game is on February 28, 2017
- The Test Prep Class has shown an average increase of 95 points per student since the beginning of the quarter on the reading and writing section of the SAT. The class is now working on the math section.

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

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

- Leslie met with the FloCrit Auxiliary representatives and they have committed to providing four \$1000 scholarships (renewable).
- Senior Class of 2017
  - GLAAZ has 25 seniors on track to graduate.

- 85 applications have been submitted to colleges and universities and there are 61 acceptances to date.
- The Scholarship and grant total to date, is \$237,410 and the renewable amount is \$949,640.
- Some Scholarships students have applied for: 1 Dell Scholar, 2 Dorrance and 2 Barrett Honor College.
- Cottey College interviewed 2 students for scholarships on February 15, 2017.
- **Governing Board President, Dr. Craig Thatcher**  
Dr. Craig Thatcher announced that Rona Kasen is interested in conducting a community wide event on “Raising Resilient Girls”.
- **Consideration of Consent Agenda**  
None required
- **Action**
  - A. **Approval**
    - Approve the January 17, 2017 GLAAZ School Governing Board Meeting Minutes
    - Approval of the 2017-2018 school year calendar

All were in favor.
- **Establishment of Next Meeting Dates, Times, and Places**  
The next regular School Board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, Room 201. This falls during spring break (may be rescheduled to March 28, 2017).
- **Adjournment**  
Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guadalupe Gutierrez  
Registrar to GLAAZ