



School Governing Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2017

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona School Board was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, in Room 201. Girls Leadership Academy is located at 715 W. Mariposa Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Guadalupe Gutierrez served as recording secretary.

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

Members Absent: Nina Munson

Staff Members Present: Dr. Kellie Warren, CEO; Dawn Woods, CAO; Dr. Pilar Vargas, COO; Rod Kemp, CCO; Leslie Shultz-Crist, Director of Assessment & College Readiness; Ken Bornscheuer, Assistant Principal; Jessie Gillam, CCO 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 Nina Munson as not being in attendance.
 - Dr. Craig Thatcher recognized Rona Kasen for running the last two boarding meetings on his behalf.

- C. **Citizens Interim**

- None

- **Adoption and approval of the Agenda**

- Susan Bansak moved to adopt the Agenda; it was seconded by Maryann Richardson. All were in favor.

- **Executive Session**

- None

- **Community Linkage**

- A. **CAO, Dawn Woods**

- Introduction of Guidance Counselor:

- Taryn Elwess-Counselor, Social Worker and Life Management Teacher
 - Ms. Elwess has a background in social work and experience in an all-girls group home.
 - Taryn is teaching a Life Management class and has met with the individual students to explain the services she will be providing.

- B. **Parent Ambassador Leaders (PALS)**

- Not present

C. CEO, Dr. Kellie Warren

Dr. Warren provided the following updates:

- Dr. Warren shared the agency started the year with slow start on revenue due to the census being impacted by low referrals from the Department Child Safety (DCS)
- Dr. Warren announced the 2017 Teaming Up For Girls featured guest is Olympic Gold Medal winning gymnast, Simone Biles
- Dr. Warren shared the Agency continues to seek out grants for GLAAZ to help fill gaps in revenue
- Dr. Warren shared the Finance committee met on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. The Agency continues to keep expenses down and is looking at a budget reforecast for the rest of the fiscal year to ensure we stay on target
- The Agency's Open House is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

D. Director of Development and Communications, Amanda Lasita

Dr. Warren (in Amanda Lasita's absence) provided the following Development updates:

- The 2017 Teaming Up For Girls targeted goal is \$420,000. To date, the Agency has raised \$218,875 in commitments and \$39,500 in silent auction/mystery boxes
- This year's tax credit goal was \$190,000 - the agency raised a total of \$281,000
 - Foster Care \$237,500 and Public Schools \$42,500
- The Agency was awarded \$10,000 from the Keickhefer Foundation for STEM activities

E. Chief Financial Officer, Rod Kemp

Rod Kemp provided a financial update.

- December has an operating gain of \$67,000, which is \$22,000 unfavorable to budget. Total revenue was \$32,000 unfavorable to budget and total operating expenses were \$10,000 favorable to budget
- Rod shared the January 2017 State Aid funds was received \$125,562 from the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) which reflects a retroactive payment to the beginning of the school year. There will be one more reset, which will be based on the 100th day report due on January 20, 2017
- Year -to-date GLAAZ financial results:
 - Total revenues are \$99,000 unfavorable to budget
 - Operating expenses are \$32,000 favorable to budget
 - Results from operations are \$67,000 unfavorable to budget

F. Chief Academic Officer, Dawn Woods

Dawn Woods provided an update on enrollment, recruitment, school activities and reaching out to the community

- GLAAZ Recruitment efforts continue with students shadowing and parent interviews
- GLAAZ Events:
 - The Family Fun Night is scheduled to occur on Friday, February 10, 2017
 - Varsity Club will host a fundraising Night Golf Event on March 10, 2017
 - Senior night -spaghetti dinner on January 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

- Senior AVID & English classes field trip to Grand Canyon University (GCU) to see Gentlemen of Verona is scheduled for Saturday, January 15, 2017
- Juniors taking a field trip to GCU visiting cadaver lab, arena, dorms, for nursing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017
- Seniors who have been accepted NAU will have a field trip on Friday, January 20, 2017
- **Community Outreach**
 - 3 School Resource Officers from public districts presented on January 3, 2017
 - Administrators from other districts visited our school on November 2, 2016 to train administration on AZ Merit
 - Dawn Woods, CAO attended the Auxiliary Committee's Holiday luncheon on Thursday, December 1, 2016
 - Cottey College – assembly to all GLAZZ girls on January 10, 2017.
 - Two social media post focusing on school success stories and inviting folks to allocate Tax credits to GLAAZ were posted on LinkedIn and Facebook

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

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

- Leslie shared there have been 76 college applications submitted with 53 acceptances received
 - \$97,984 in scholarships awards
 - \$353,600 renewable
 - Seniors have applied to the following colleges: Northern Arizona University, University of Arizona, Grand Canyon University, Concordia, University of Minnesota (Deluth), Dixie State, Mary Baldwin, Central College, PACE University, Arizona Christian College, University Southern California, University California Los Angeles, University San Diego, and Colorado State University-Pueblo
- Enrollment for December 2016 and Attendance
 - Freshman-40, Sophomores-30, Juniors-31 and Seniors-27 =128 students
 - Average attendance for the month of December 2016 is 91%
- **Consideration of Consent Agenda**

None required
- **Action**
 - A. Approval**

Rona Kasen motioned to approve the December 20, 2016 GLAAZ School Governing Board meeting minutes. Susan Bansak 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, February 20, 2017, room 201
- **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guadalupe Gutierrez
Registrar