



**School Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2018**

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona School Board was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, in Room 205. Girls Leadership Academy is located at 715 W. Mariposa Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Leslie Shultz-Crist served as recording secretary.

**Members Present:** Rod Riley, Board President, Anjulie Morse and Nina Munson by phone.

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

**Staff Members Present:** Dr. Kellie Warren, CEO; Amanda Lasita, CDO; Dawn Woods, CAO; Rod Kemp, CFO; Leslie Shultz-Crist, Director of Assessment and College Readiness

**I. General**

**A. Call to Order - Rod Riley, Board President**

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Rod Riley, Board President

**B. Roll Call - Rod Riley**

Rod Riley welcomed everyone and acknowledged Anjulie Morse, and Nina Munson on the phone and Janita Gordon, Marli Mayon, Rona Kasen, Maryann Richardson were absent. Additionally, Rod Riley noted that there was not a quorum.

**D. Citizens Interim**

None

**II. Adoption and Approval of the Agenda**

To be done at the May 20, 2018 school board meeting.

**III. Executive Session: None**

**IV. Community Linkage**

**A. Student Presentation, Senior College Decisions**

- Seniors Damaris Zavala and Michelle Ramirez Tunales shared their college decisions with the board.
  - Damaris Zavala will attend University of Arizona and has been admitted to the Eller School of Business as an Eller Elite Scholar. She said that on every tour she had of University of Arizona the feeling that it was the best fit for her became stronger.
  - Michelle Ramirez Tunales will attend Arizona State University as an Obama Scholar, Barrett Honor Scholar and will study Business. She said that she has been in many organizations that have met at Arizona State University and never wanted to go anywhere else.
  - Both seniors shared that they are well prepared and credited their success to: caring teachers, small classrooms, and support in the college application process.

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

Dr. Warren provided the following updates:

- Dr. Warren presented two charts showing historical budget vs. actual program revenue and enrollment.
- Dr. Warren shared that GLAAZ will need 133 - 134 students to be sustainable. The Branding and Marketing Committee will be working to present a plan to help support this growth. Several surveys and focus groups will be conducted to gather needed information.
- Dr. Warren reminded everyone that the most successful advertising for the school is girl to girl, parent to parent and teacher to teacher.

**C. Fund Development Report, CDO, Amanda Lasita**

- Teaming Up for Girls:
  - Amanda Lasita reported that TUGF made approximately \$370,000 vs. budgeted \$430,000. This is 87% of the goal for the event.
  - Next year the committee will start earlier and work to have more Mystery Boxes and the option to donate Tax Credit will be removed from the donation form. This caused a lot of confusion.
- Grants:
  - Amanda Lasita reported that the grant revenue was pacing well. Leslie Shultz-Crist and Amanda Lasita are once again working together to identify grants for the school.

**D. CFO Financial Update, Rod Kemp**

Rod Kemp provided the following overview of the GLAAZ financials:

- March had an operating gain of \$74,000, which is \$71,000 favorable to budget. Total revenue was \$70,000 favorable to budget and total operating expenses were \$2,000 favorable to budget.
  - Year to date revenues are \$34,000 unfavorable to budget and year to date expenses are \$25,000 favorable to budget. Year to date results from operations are \$9,000 unfavorable to budget.
- March revenue was \$186,000 vs. a budget of \$117,000.
  - State Aid to Charter Schools was \$77,370; however it was actually \$87,356. The current month payment reflects a student count of 118 and we budgeted for 135. The April payment was \$71,999.
  - Program revenue of \$16,000 consists of meal reimbursement funds and Classroom Site Funds (CSF) and is \$2,525 favorable to budget for the month.
  - Contributions exceeded the budget by \$7,571 and grants were \$67,000 favorable to budget. GLAAZ received final approval for the Title I and II, and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) grants. They were approved as follows:
    - Title I - \$54,464 vs. budgeted \$54,000
    - Title II - \$4,042 vs. budgeted \$4,000
    - CSI - \$24,291 vs. budgeted \$45,000
- March operating expenses were \$113,000 vs. a budget of \$115,000 for a favorable variance of \$2,000.

**E. CAO Report, Dawn Woods**

- Dawn Woods introduced Dora from the PALS board who provided a report.

- Dora reported that PALS will once again provide three (3) scholarships for seniors. The application process will be shared with the seniors.

Dawn Woods provided the following information:

- **Enrollment and Recruitment:**
  - GLAAZ enrollment increased by 4 to 122.
- **Professional Development:**
  - All staff participated in AzMerit/AIMS testing protocol.
- **Parent Connections**
  - Dawn Woods presented the finding of the Parent surveys that were completed at the Student Led conferences. The results were very favorable. The Board discussed the results.
  - Dr. Kellie Warner called the Boards attention to the few questions. These questions were created by the Branding and Marketing Committee and the results will used to guide the marketing plan to attract new students.
- **Events**
  - Thirty (30) girls and six (6) staff attended the Teaming Up for Girls event. The girls were especially impressed with Jennifer Caraway from the Joy Bus Project.
  - AVID 12 attended the Women in Sports Night and watched the Arizona Coyotes Hockey game on Saturday, March 31, 2018.
  - Prom was held on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Everyone had a wonderful time.
- **Academics**
  - National Honor Society had its 2<sup>nd</sup> Induction on Wednesday April 4, 2018.
  - AzMerit/AIMS testing is in full swing and will be completed by April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- **Clubs and Athletic Updates:**
  - The last softball game is April 17, 2018. Their banquet is scheduled for April 25, 2018.
  - Dawn Woods invited everyone to attend any or all of the Senior Events in May. The Calendar is in the Board packets.
- **School Visits**
  - The ASU representative visited with 4 students to help them finish their next steps.

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

Leslie Shultz-Crist presented on College Bound & Alumni Updates;

- The senior class continues to receive scholarships and acceptances. The current number of acceptances is sixty-three (63). The per year scholarship award amount is \$143,570 and the grant award is \$152,261. The renewable award amount is \$550,280 and \$609,044 respectably; bringing the total aid for four years to \$1,135,900.
- The thirty juniors (out of thirty-three) took the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) at GLAAZ on March 7, 2018. 80% of the test takers improved their score from the PSAT they took October 2107.

**V. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

None required.

**VI. ACTION**

**A. APPROVAL**

- The minutes will be approved at the May 15, 2018.

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE**

May 15, 2018, 5:00 p.m., Room 205

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.