



**School Governing Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2018**

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona School Board was held on Tuesday, August 28, 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, Nina Munson, Rona Kasen (by phone), Anjolie Morse, Nathan Pullen and Maryann Richardson

Members Absent: Marli Mayon

Staff Members Present: Dr. Kellie Warren, CEO; Dawn Woods, CAO; Rod Kemp, CFO; Ken Bornscheuer, Vice Principal, and Leslie Shultz-Crist, Director of Assessment and College Readiness

PALS Representative: Josie Banta, Secretary

I. General

A. Call to Order – Rod Riley, Board President

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Rod Riley, School Board President.

B. Roll Call – Rod Riley

Rod Riley, School Board President, welcomed everyone and acknowledged Marli Mayon was absent.

D. Citizens Interim

None

II. Adoption and Approval of the Agenda

Nina Munson moved to adopt the Agenda: it was seconded by Maryann Richardson. All were in favor.

III. Executive Session: None

IV. Community Linkage

A. Kaprice Cooper and Leslie Enriquez, seniors, shared the letters they wrote to the freshmen class with words of wisdom. The board was very thankful for their advice and determination.

B. Josie Banta, Secretary of the Parent Ambassador Leaders group (PALS) shared updates from their first meeting:

- There was a good turnout for the first meeting
- Officers were elected and all the officers are parents of underclassmen
- The group will fundraise to support the entire student body, not just scholarships for seniors.
- A Facebook page has already been set up and will be managed by Veronica Saenz, Parent Coordinator.

C. CEO Report, Dr. Kellie Warren

Dr. Warren provided the following updates:

- Dr. Warren expressed her gratitude to the Board for committing to serve another year and to Nathan Pullen for joining the School Board.
- Reflecting on the growth of the school Dr. Warren shared her support of the school leadership team for the positive learning environment and positive sisterhood they have cultivated.
- Dr. Warren shared that the numbers in both the Therapeutic Group Home (TGH) and Girls Ranch are at or above the targeted goal and this is a great way to start the new fiscal year.
- Heels for Healing:
 - The 2018 Heels for Healing event will be Saturday, September 29, 2018. Dr. Warren asked everyone to consider attending and possibly hosting a donation drive.
 - The goal this year is \$35,000 and currently there have been \$5,500 in sponsorships donated. In addition, there are currently 15 teams signed up for the Diva Dash.
 - Donations of shoes, handbags and gifts for the Mystery Boxes are still being collected for the Heels for Healing event.
- Grants Update:
 - Dr. Warren shared that there are currently three (3) grants outstanding:
 - Coyotes - \$25,000
 - Cox Charities - \$6,500
 - Charles Schwab - \$5,000
- Teaming Up for Girls:
 - Dr. Warren shared the good news that Teaming Up for Girls will take place on March 21, 2019, at the Phoenician. Two new Board of Directors members have agreed to co-chair the event.
- Transformation Love Connection (TLC) Dance:
 - Dr. Warren shared that the annual TLC Dance has been moved from the spring to the fall and will take place at the Camby Hotel on Friday, October 19, 2018. The targeted goal this year is \$50,000.

D. CFO Financial Update, Rod Kemp

Rod Kemp provided the following overview of the GLAAZ financials:

- July is the one month of the year that we do not receive the State Aid payment. Likewise we generally do not receive classroom site funds (Prop 301). Meal reimbursement revenue is very low, at \$238, because school is not in session and the only revenue comes from staff paying for their meals.
- July was a good month compared to the budget. GLAAZ had an operating loss of \$61,000, which is \$55,000 favorable to budget. Total revenue was \$46,000 unfavorable to budget and total operating expenses were \$9,000 favorable to budget.
- July revenue was \$47,000 vs. a budget of \$1,000.
 - We recorded \$47,000 in Federal School Grants as follows:
 - IDEA (special education) - \$20,000
 - Comprehensive Support & Improvement Grant (CSI) - \$25,000
 - Instructional Improvement Fund - \$2,000
 - Looking forward to August, the State Aid to Charter Schools payment was based on our estimated student count of 119 that was submitted to ADE in July. Based on that, the August payment was \$83,213.

- The Charter School Student Enrollment Summary dated August 15, 2018 shows a student count of 129.
- July operating expenses were \$108,000 vs. a budget of \$117,000.
- E. Overall expenses were \$9,000 favorable to budget.
- F. CAO Report, Dawn Woods
Dawn Woods provided the following information:
 - **Enrollment and Recruitment:**
 - GLAAZ enrollment for SY 2019 is currently 133.
 - The demographics of the student body were presented showing the following breakdown: 68% Hispanic/Latino; 20% Caucasian; 11% African American; .5% American Indian; and .5% Asian.
 - **Professional Development:**
 - Seven GLAAZ teachers attended the Teacher's Institute in Tucson, June 4 - 5, 2018.
 - The GLAAZ Administrators attended The Leading Change conference in Tucson, June 6 - 8, 2018.
 - The entire staff participated in a variety of workshops during Orientation including: Cultural Sensitivity – Dr. Warren, Read/Math 180 Inventories, Trauma Sensitive Schools, School Wide Goals, and Benchmark Alignments.
 - Dawn Woods and Leslie Shultz Crist completed the Qualified Evaluator Academy and are now re-certified by ADE to perform evaluations.
 - Teachers, Lisa Horton (SPED) and Sabrina Araiza (Social Studies) attended the Title I Transition Conference and will present the pertinent information to the rest of the staff.
 - **Academic, Events and Updates**
 - Ms. Woods presented the draft Balanced Assessment Plan to the School Board for review. A vote is needed to accept the plan at a later meeting.
 - All students have completed the baseline assessments for: the Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA), Word Generation, Read and Math 180 Inventories
 - Leslie Shultz Crist presented the historic data from the AZ MERIT and AIMS. The growth goal for the school is an increase of 15% in proficiency.
 - Leslie Shultz-Crist shared the numerous changes in the school day, culture and support systems that have been added to increase student achievement.
 - **Field trips:** College Depot, Phoenix Mercury Basketball Game and the Sam Smith Concert.
 - **Guest Speakers:** Phoenix Police Department and Libertarian and Green Candidates.
 - **Events:** Open House, Natural Grocers Healthy Event, Volleyball games and PALS Meeting.
 - **Recruiter Visits:** University of Arizona, August 28, 2018, Grand Canyon University, September 11, 2018, Northern Arizona University, September 14, 2018, and Arizona State University September 9, 2018.

- Leslie Shultz Crist shared that this year all grades will travel to visit a college on September 21, 2018. College Day Visits: Seniors will visit the ASU Downtown and Tempe campuses, juniors will travel to NAU, sophomores will travel to U of A, and freshmen will visit Phoenix College.

V. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

None required.

VI. ACTION

A. APPROVAL

- Approve June 20, 2018 GLAAZ School Governing Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve the 2018 - 2019 list of tax credit eligible extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities shall include but not be limited to athletics, after school clubs, field trips, character education programs, standardized testing fees for college credit or readiness, and preparation courses and material for standardized testing or the career and technical education industry certification assessment.
- Approve the fee of \$1 per extra-curricular activity and the authorization of Dawn Woods, CAO to waive all or part of said fee for activities if it creates an economic hardship for a pupil.

Nina Munson motioned to approve and Anjolie Morse seconded.

All were in favor.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

September 18, 2018, 5:00 p.m., Room 205

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.