



School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona School Board was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in Room 205. Girls Leadership Academy is located at 715 W. Mariposa Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Leslie Shultz-Crist served as recording secretary.

Members Present: Nathan Pullen, Rona Kasen (telephonically), Marli Mayon and Anjolie Morse

Members Absent: Nina Munson and Maryann Richardson

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

I. General

A. Call to Order – Nathan Pullen, Board Chair

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Nathan Pullen.

B. Roll Call – Nathan Pullen

Nathan Pullen welcomed everyone and noted that Nina Munson and Maryann Richardson were absent; however, there was a quorum.

D. Citizens Interim

None

II. Adoption and Approval of the Agenda

Marli Mayon moved to adopt the Agenda; it was seconded by Anjolie Morse. All were in favor.

III. Executive Session: None

IV. Community Linkage

A. Student Presenters - JA You're Hired Awards - Enas Hamid and Dayonara Rosas

- Students who participated in the JA You're Hired Competition shared their thoughts about the competition and the awards GLAAZ won.
 - Statistics:
 - More than 550 students attended.
 - We received 7 awards in total plus the 18 Under 18 Award
 - 26 GLAAZ students attended.
 - The winners:
 - Dorcas Nsengamungu - First place in the Interview Challenge
 - Sawsan Bitheri, Diana Sesmas, Sabrin Mohamed, Dayanara Rosas, Man Lam Cing, Tran Luong, and Cielo Lagunas - Second place in the Problem Solving Challenge
 - Enas Hamid - First place in the Networking and Thinking on Your Feet Challenge and third place in the Quick Thinking Challenge
 - Mary Haygood - Third place in the Networking Challenge
 - Fatima Bitheri - J.A 18 Under 18 Recipient

B. CEO Report, Dr. Kellie Warren

Dr. Warren provided the following updates:

- The Agency and school focus continues to be cash flow and there have been some encouraging updates:
 - Dr. Warren shared that there has been an increase in the census numbers in all programs.
 - Dr. Warren shared that the Agency has been awarded the Department of Child Safety Congregate Care contract and is excited for the opening of these programs in the next few months.
- Teaming Up for Girls:
 - Dr. Warren encouraged everyone to attend, support and spread the word about the 17th Annual Teaming Up for Girls (TUGF) Luncheon on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at The Phoenician.
 - The goal for this event is \$430,000 and there is currently over \$209,925 in pledges and to date 70 tables have been purchased. Silent Auction donations have been remarkable this year.
- Tax Credit
 - To date the tax credit total is \$260,000. This is low compared to last year. Dr. Warren encouraged everyone to remind their friends that the tax credits can be made until April 15, 2019.

C. CFO Financial Update, Rod Kemp

Rod Kemp provided the following overview of the GLAAZ financials:

- GLAAZ had a February operating gain of \$12,000, which is \$3,000 unfavorable to budget. Total revenue was \$13,000 unfavorable to budget and total operating expenses were \$10,000 favorable to budget.
 - Year to date, the operating gain is \$24,000 vs. a budgeted loss of \$59,000 for a favorable variance of \$83,000. Total revenues are \$87,000 favorable and total operating expenses are \$4,000 unfavorable.
- February revenue was \$107,963 vs. a budget of \$120,703.
 - Actual State Aid was \$89,590 based on a student count of 128.55. Also included this month was \$3,679 in Prop 123, charter school additional funding.
 - There were no additional grants; we recorded contributions of \$600 (individual giving)
 - Program revenue was \$980 favorable to budget (Instructional Improvement Fund)
 - Looking forward to March, the student count went down a fraction to 128.42 and the amount of the payment was \$89,332.
- February operating expenses were \$95,708 vs. a budget of \$105,673.
 - Food and Supplies expense was over budget \$1,407 primarily due to food costs.
 - Occupancy expense was over budget \$1,093 due to facility repairs.
 - Travel and Meetings expense was over budget \$3,232 due to payment for the 2019 AVID Summer Institute.
- Key Comparisons to prior year:
 - State aid is up \$78,000 compared to last year which is 14.1%.
 - Total operating expenses are up \$12,000 which is just 1.4%.
 - The 2019 year to date operating results are \$24,000 vs. last year's negative of \$142,000 and improvement of \$166,000.

D. CAO Report, Dawn Woods

Dawn Woods provided the following information:

- Ms. Woods shared an update on the Arizona Department of Education Site visit on February 21, 2019.
- Ms. Woods shared the excitement of Arizona Department of Education,. Superintendent, Kathy Hoffman's site visit on Friday, March 15, 2019.
- **Enrollment and Recruitment:**
 - GLAAZ enrollment for SY 2019 is currently 130.
 - There have been 3 student shadows, 2 parent tours and 3 new student parent meetings.
- **Academic, Events and Updates**
 - Student Led Conferences were held March 14 - 15, 2019 and there was over 90% attendance.
 - 3rd Quarter grades were mailed on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.
 - AIMS testing will take place on Wednesday, April 3, 2019
 - AzMERIT testing will take place the month of April.
- **Field Trips:**
 - The Environmental Sciences class visited the Tonto National Park and Audubon Society as part of a semester long program.
 - Twelve students participated in the Arizona Latin Media Association (ALMA) ASU Walter Cronkite School of Journalism Workshop competition. GLAAZ placed 2nd and 3rd in the Spanish Writing Competition! Marcia Balderrama placed 2nd and Brenda Alvarez placed 3rd! We are very proud of them!
 - Twenty girls competed in the JA You're Hired Competition and earned seven awards.
 - GLAAZ students will attend the TUFU Luncheon on Thursday, March 21, 2019.
 - English 12 will attend the play God Spell at GCU on March 28, 2019.
 - Fourteen juniors and seniors had a chance to visit The Cinderella Affair and pick out prom dresses, shoes and bags on Saturday, March 9, 2019.
- **Guest Speakers:**
 - Former Board of Directors member Linda Levin, will present a Healthy Relationships Assembly to the junior and senior students on Friday, March 29, 2019.
 - Abby Tutor from Northern Arizona University (NAU) provided individual help to the admitted seniors on their financial aid packets on March 12 2019.
- **Professional Development**
 - Three staff attended Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training on Friday, March 8, 2019.
 - All staff will be trained in AZMERIT and AIMS testing during the month of March in preparation of April testing.
 - All staff will attend a workshop on Trauma Informed Care on Thursday, March 28, 2019.
- **Leslie Shultz Crist shared the following report on college acceptances:**
 - 54 applications have been submitted and there have been 50 acceptances

- Three Obama Scholars with four potential additional scholars.
- Six students have been awarded the Lumberjack Scholarship.
- Students have been awarded \$139,148 in Merit Scholarship equaling \$552,592 in renewable scholarships and \$159,328 in Grants and Gift Aid equaling \$637,312 in renewable funds. In total seniors have received over 1.2 million in merit and gift aid!

E. Nathan Pullen, Governing Board Chair

- Nathan Pullen reported that the preparation for the Technovation competition is moving along nicely. The groups will have a presentation on marketing and how to make videos after spring break.

V. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

None required.

VI. ACTION

A. APPROVAL

- Approve February 19, 2019 GLAAZ School Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Marli Mayon motioned to approve and Rona Kasen seconded. All were in favor.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

April 16, 2019, 5:00 p.m., Room 205

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Rona Kasen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. and Anjolie Morse seconded. All were in favor.