



School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2020

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona School Board was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in Room 200. Girls Leadership Academy is located at 715 W. Mariposa Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Leslie Shultz-Crist served as recording secretary.

Members Present: Nathan Pullen, Marli Mayon, Anjuli Morse, Nina Munson and Maryann Richardson

Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Dawn Woods, Interim Superintendent and CAO, Ken Bornscheuer, Vice Principal; Leslie Shultz-Crist, Director of Assessment and College Readiness.

I. General

I. 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. He further noted that all Board members were in attendance and that there was a quorum.

II. Approval

A. Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2019 Meeting.

B. Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2020 Special Meeting.

C. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of January 7, 2020 Special Meeting.

D. Approval of the Agenda.

Maryann Richardson motioned to approve the minutes from December 17, 2020, regular meeting, January 7, 2020 special meeting, and January 7, 2020 special meeting executive session; and the agenda for the January 21, 2020 meeting.

Anjuli Morse seconded. All were in favor.

III. Reports

A. Student Presenters: Varsity Club Representative

Iris Yanez, senior, who is the President of the Varsity Club, provided a report regarding the Varsity Club. She shared with the board that:

- Varsity club supports the GLAAZ athletic program through fundraising (Golf Night, Dues) and volunteer work (Kitchen on the Street, Kickball for Cancer @ ASU) and Coordination of the blood drive twice year.
- Iris Yanez expanded on the blood drive, sharing that GLAAZ received a Platinum

award for exceeding the goal for the number of donors. There will be a blood drive on February 21, 2020 and two board members offered to donate.

- Iris shared that she has been accepted to all in-state universities and Grand Canyon University. Her top choice is ASU due the fact that she was awarded the Obama Scholarship.
- The board expressed their gratitude for the report and congratulated Iris on her acceptances!

B. Ambassador Leaders (PALS) Report: Parent Representative

Parker Galope, President of the PALS board was unable to attend so Mr. Ken Bornscheuer, Vice Principal provided a report regarding PALS:

- Mr. Bornscheuer shared that there was a great turn out last month and that the new president has great enthusiasm and energy.
- The PALS board will be sponsoring the annual Family Fun Night on February 28, 2020, from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm. The theme this year is Carnival – all the clubs will be sponsoring a booth with games or food. Tickets are 50 cents. Mr. Bornscheuer invited the board members to attend this fun event.

C. Chief Academic Officer Report

CAO Dawn Woods provided a report regarding:

- The **School Safety Policy**, which has been updated to include “employees are responsible for making a report” with regards to certain suspected crimes to law enforcement and to the parent/guardian of a student “involved in” the suspected crime. Arizona Department of Education provided the template to update the school safety plan to ensure compliance. Ms. Woods answered the school boards questions.
- **School enrollment and recruiting**
 - GLAAZ enrollment is at 114
 - Sharing GLAAZ activities and events on Social Media
 - Tax Credit and open enrollment multiple posts on all platforms
 - Follow Up Calls to Students who showed interest in Shadow Day and Open House reminding them to enroll.
 - A presentation will be given at Phoenix Advantage Charter on January 23, 2020 to 7th and 8th grade students.
- A summary of current events as authorized by A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K).
Ms. Woods provided the following updates about Girls Leadership Academy:

Academics

- ADE conducted a site visit on December 18, 2019. Ms. Woods discussed the successes, challenges and classroom observations that were noted in the written report. In addition, student and teacher focus group comments were provided and discussed. The board was provided a copy of the report.
- The 11th grade will participate in the Prototype Field Testing AIMS Science Test on February 7, 2020.

- JA You're Hired Training and Workshop begins on January 16, 2020 and will run until February 20, 2020.
- The JA You're Hired Competition will take place on February 25, 2020.
- The 10th Grade will take the AzM2 and AIMS tests during the month of April 2020.
- The 11th Grade will take the ACT on March 24, 2020.

Events

- Four students were nominated for the Brilliant, Beautiful and Bold Role Model Award. The nominees attended the Girls Rule Foundation Reception on December 19, 2019.
 - Dorcas Nsengamunga was a winner! She received \$1,000 Scholarship and a year of leadership mentoring.
- The school Awards Assembly took place on December 20, 2019.
- Jostens provided a presentation to Seniors on January 14, 2020 and to parents on January 22, 2020.
- Spoken Word Poetry Club Workshop was on January 16, 2020.

Field Trips

- The Art Class visited the Phoenix Art Museum on January 15, 2020.
- Spoken Word Poetry Club Performance took place on January 16, 2020.

Guest Speakers

- A Schoolwide Assembly took place on January 23, 2020 with guest speaker Catherine Miranda an Arizona State House Candidate.

Professional Development:

- Administration participated in the Cognia (AdvancED) training January 13, 2020 in preparation for the GLAAZ accreditation review next school year.
- Two staff completed a CPR and First Aid class on January 21, 2020.
- The ELL Coordinator and the Registrar will attend an English Language Learner workshop on January 24, 2020.

College Updates:

- Leslie Shultz Crist provided a report regarding:
 - The senior class has submitted 100 applications and received 83 acceptances.
 - The seniors have received \$867,180 in renewable merit scholarships and \$443,780 in renewable gift aid to date.
 - 17 seniors started a class at the Phoenix College campus this semester called Women in Other Cultures.
- College Recruiters Visit Schedule:
 - University of Arizona Next Steps Workshop – January 8, 2020
 - NAU Next Steps Workshop – January 14, 2020
 - GCU Next Steps Workshop – January 22, 2020

- ASU Next Steps Workshop – January 24, 2020
- New Mexico Military Institute Presentation – January 28, 2020

D. Financial Update Report

Leslie Shultz-Crist provided a report regarding the school's finances:

- GLAAZ Tax credit: as of 1/15/20 - \$48,225 (178 donors) vs 2019 - 51,699 (168 donors)
 - Thank you letters will be sent from the agency in January 2020.
 - Thank you phone calls to all public school and foster care donors will begin in February 2020.
 - Thank you letters from students to donors will be sent in March 2020.
- School Safety Grant was funded for \$40,000.
- Title IV Funds: A Student Engagement Specialist has been hired and will be paid for by the \$10,000 from this grant.
- ADM for January was \$ 91,013.32.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – There were no audience members at this meeting

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Maryann Richardson moved to approve the updated School Safety Policy as required by the Arizona Department of Education, with the addendum that more discussion could take place at the next meeting if there were more questions.
The motion was seconded by Nina Munson. All were in favor.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

February 18, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Room 200

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm by Anjuli Morse and seconded by Marli Mayon. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted this 21st day of January, 2020
Leslie Shultz-Crist, Recording Secretary