



School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2020

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona School Board was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 telephonically. Leslie Shultz-Crist served as recording secretary.

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

Members Absent: Anjuli Morse

Staff Members Present: Dawn Woods, Interim Superintendent and CAO; and 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 5:04 p.m. by Nathen Pullen.

B. Roll Call – Nathan Pullen

Nathan Pullen welcomed everyone. He further noted that Anjuli Morse was absent but that there was a quorum.

II. Approval

A. Approval of the agenda.

Nina Munson motioned to approve the agenda. Maryann Richardson seconded. All were in favor.

B. Approval of the Minutes of February 18, 2019 Meeting was postponed until the May 19, 2020 meeting.

III. Reports

A. Chief Academic Officer Report

CAO Dawn Woods provided a report regarding:

- Teacher Contracts 2021
 - Dawn Woods was happy to report that all teachers, except one, will return; Wyck Chew announced he would retire this year. If approved by the School Board the contracts will be given out at the same salary level as SY20. Nathan Pullen, Board Chair, expressed his gratitude to all the teachers and their incredible work. He ensured the school board would revisit the salary amounts should a positive change to the schools finances occur.
- The Remote School Learning Opportunity Plan required by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) by April 15, 2020 has been submitted. It included the following information:
 - GLAAZ is providing both online school and mailing hardcopy packets of work home

for about 10 students. Teachers are using Google Classroom and Google Meet. They are providing a live lesson at least once a week in addition to the taped lessons and online assignments. Everyone is settling in to a routine and the students are actively engaged.

- Communication with parents/guardians has been going very well and 98% of the families have been contacted by the school. GLAAZ is using multiple platforms to stay in contact with the families including email, text and voice mail blasts, Facebook, telephone calls and snail mail.
- The first IEP meeting via conference call took place and went very well. All the participants that needed to be in attendance were including SPED teacher, Classroom teachers, administration and parents
- GLAAZ has not received any feedback at this time however; the School Board of Education would like to have schools do an exit survey after the end of school.
- The virtual ADE Site Visit was conducted on April 7, 2020. The ADE Specialist discussed the following information. GLAAZ will receive a written report prior to the next School Board meeting and it will be sent to all board members.
 - The Strength Based Leadership and Development program was suggested, as an additional component to be included in next year's CSI grant.
 - A discussion took place around the items and money that needs to be reallocated as GLAAZ will not be attending any of the approved conferences. GLAAZ has approximately \$12,000 and it will be used to purchase a 3-year subscription for 20 READ 180 Upgraded student subscriptions, Teachers subscription, classroom supports, Reading Inventory and professional development for the English Department.
 - GLAAZ SPED count has increased from 17 to 26 and ELL count has increased from three to 20 over the last four years. Do to the increase the ADE Specialist suggested we incorporate as much training in differentiation as possible. She also suggested we analyze the data to see if a Para-Pro for the SPED program would be appropriate. In addition, due to the number of ELL students ADE required one hour per day class specific for them to be incorporated into the master schedule.
 - ADE has verified that all letter grades received for SY20 will remain the same for SY21. GLAAZ's letter grade will stay a B for another year.
- Additional Grant Updates
 - GLAAZ was able to reallocate \$4,888 of Title I money to purchase approximately 15 Chromebook.
 - Safe and Supportive School Grant will pay for a part-time certified School Counselor for SY21.
 - The submission date for SY21 grants was May 1, 2020, however due to the circumstances the new due date is July 1, 2020. GLAAZ hopes to submit the grants by the May 1, 2020 date.

B. School Financials

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

- Dawn Woods had her first visit with NextFaze to begin the budget process for SY21.
- Monthly funding will be based on 100-day count of 116.50 (approximately) which is

\$81,960. This will put us at a \$14,313 unfavorable to budget per month. No attendance to be taken for the Average Daily Membership (ADM) the remainder of SY20.

- Classroom Site Fund was \$6,000 unfavorable to budget and will remain this way for the school year.
- Grants and Contributions were \$700 unfavorable to budget; however, there is still approximately \$33,000 to be drawn down from ADE for Title I, II, IV, and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI). It is expected GLAAZ will meet the year-end budgeted amount of grants and contributions.
- The CARES Act will be allocated according to the SY20 Title I formula. It should provide GLAAZ with approximately \$40,000. The timeline for distribution has not been decided, however, the Superintendent and Governor would like it allocated as soon as possible. It is hopeful to have the distribution take place before the end of the fiscal year.
- There are some positives:
 - To date, the Public School Tax Credit is at \$63,280.38 (21.2% increase from last year) given by 227 donors.
 - The Agency's Arizona Gives Day total was \$6,351 and will provide two chrome books and two months of transportation for the school.
 - Abbey Kronenberg has been a true advocate for the school and worked hard to substantially raise these numbers above last year's totals.
 - Lynn Smith has been helpful in answering questions regarding finances and shared the Grant Contribution spreadsheet to ensure all contributions are spent appropriately.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Nathan Pullen made a call to the audience. There were no community members on the call.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve presented Teacher Contracts and Pay for the 2020-2021 School Year
Nina Munson motioned to approve the 2020 – 2021 teacher contracts. Marli Mayon seconded. All were in favor.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

May 19, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Room 200

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. by Maryann Richardson and seconded by Nathan Pullen. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of April, 2020
Leslie Shultz-Crist, Recording Secretary