



School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2020

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona School Board was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 telephonically. Leslie Shultz-Crist served as recording secretary.

Members Present: Nathan Pullen, Nina Munson, Kimberly Murphy and Cassandra Anderson

Members Absent: Marli Mayon and Maryann Richardson

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 5:02 p.m. by Nathan Pullen.

B. Roll Call – Nathan Pullen

Nathan Pullen welcomed everyone. Introduced the two new board members Cassandra Anderson and Kimberly Murphy. He further noted that Maryanne Richardson and Marli Mayon were absent, but that there was a quorum.

II. Approval

A. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2020.

B. Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2020.

C. Approval of the Agenda.

Nina Munson moved to approve the agenda, approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 regular meeting and the minutes of the April 21, 2020 regular meeting. Kimberly Murphy seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

III. Reports

A. President's report

Nathan Pullen provided a report regarding:

- Anjuli Morse resigned from the School Board, effective today. He thanked her for the commitment she has shown the school and wished her well.
- Dr. Warren, who served as the CEO and Superintendent, is no longer with the agency. Nathan Pullen reminded the Board members that at a prior meeting Dawn Woods was named Interim Superintendent. She will remain in this role at this time.

B. Chief Academic Officer Report

CAO Dawn Woods, or Designee, will provide an oral report regarding:

- The draft 2020 – 2021 School Calendar was presented. The first day of school will be

August 3, 2020 and the last day will be May 21, 2021.

- Yard signs saying “Congratulations GLAAZ Graduates” were dropped off with cap and gowns and goodie bags at each senior’s homes. Mr. Chew and Mr. Bornscheuer drove over 400 miles to each home!
- A “Drive Through” Graduation Celebration was planned for May 21, 2020. It would have included several stations for the graduates to stop at. Unfortunately, the agency has had its first staff person test positive for COVID-19. All events have been postponed for at least 2 weeks. We want to err on the side of caution. The goal is still to have a graduation event in the near future.
- Senior Updates
 - Leslie Shultz Crist provided a report on the GLAAZ Class of 2020 Stats and Successes
 - There are 39 Graduates representing over 30 zip codes.
 - They have earned 1.6 million in renewable Merit Scholarships and 1/6 million in renewable gift aid.
 - They received 96 acceptances. The chart below shows where they were accepted.

ASU	NAU	UA	GCU	Bene U	Cottey College	Maricopa Community Colleges	Other	Total
20	17	14	16	8	4	16	1	96

- They have completed over 4000 hours of community service during their high school career.
- The class includes a:
 - Barrett Honors Scholar (ASU)
 - University of Arizona Honor Scholar
 - Next Generation Service Corps Recipient (ASU)
 - Youth Leadership Service Scholar (ASU)
 - Girls Rule Recipient
 - 18 Under 18 Recipient
 - 2 Dream.US Scholarship Recipients
- Summer School –
 - Dawn Woods reported that summer school is still up in the air, especially due to the COVID positive test. This year was going to be offered to both new and returning students to work on increasing Lexile scores. The start date has been pushed back by two weeks. After the incidents of the past few days, it will more than likely be a virtual summer school. There will be one class of returning students and one class of new students.
- CDC Guidance for Reopening Schools
 - A leadership team meeting that was held once a week is now being held every morning to review progress on cleaning, questions and ensuring the ongoing process is being handled correctly.
 - GLAAZ will be eligible to apply for money through the CARES Act. The application

should be open in the next week. There is a good deal of flexibility on how the funds are spent. The goal of the money is to focus on the three phases of the pandemic.

1. Relief for what GLAAZ has had to provide to get students up and running on distance learning;
2. Prevention and preparedness to ensure GLAAZ is ready for whatever comes next; and
3. Reopening safely while addressing closing the learning gaps all students will have when they return to school.

- **Financial Updates**

- All teacher contracts were signed and returned except from Wyck Chew. He has decided to retire, again, to spend more time with his grandson.
- Dawn Woods and Leslie Shultz Crist met with interim CFO, Al Charlesworth from NEXFaze. There were many questions along with a solid understanding of what needs to be reviewed and changed. There will be several more meetings over the next few weeks as the budget for SY 20 - 21 is created. The goal is to have a clean set of financials ready to present to the Governing Board at their next scheduled meeting in June.
- Enrollment for fall is moving slowly but moving. The school was on a great role for the fall. There had been many more community presentations, Shadow Days and enrollment tours; however, with the closure things are at a standstill. A social media push will increase once we open. Currently we have 20 freshman enrolled which is up from last year – this time last year we had 12. Current families have been returning their enrollment papers in the self-addressed envelopes that were provided. There has been only one request for a record transfer to date.
- The goal is to have at least 125 students for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

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. Approval of 2020 – 2021 School Calendar

Nina Munson moved to accept the proposed 2020-2021 School Calendar. Cassandra Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

June 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m., Room 200

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. by Nina Munson and seconded by Nathan Pullen. All were in favor. The motion passed.

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