



School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2020

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona Governing School Board was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 telephonically. Leslie Shultz-Crist served as recording secretary.

Members Present: Nathan Pullen, Marli Mayon and Maryann Richardson

Members Absent: Nina Munson, Kimberly Murphy and Cassandra Anderson

Guest Present: Al Charlesworth, Nexfaze

Staff Members Present: Dawn Woods, Interim Superintendent and CAO; and Leslie Shultz-Crist, Director of Assessment and College Readiness. Sabrina Araiza, Administrative Intern and Teacher.

I. General

A. Call to Order – Nathan Pullen, Board Chair

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m. by Nathan Pullen.

B. Roll Call – Nathan Pullen

Nathan Pullen welcomed everyone and noted that Kimberly Murphy and Cassandra Anderson were absent but there was a quorum.

II. Approval

A. Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2020.

B. Approval of the Agenda.

Mary Ann Richardson moved to approve the agenda and approve the minutes for the October 20, 2020 regular School Board meeting. Marli Mayon seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

III. Reports

A. Chief Academic Officer Report

CAO Dawn Woods shared the following updates:

• School Updates:

- **Student Led Conferences** - October 21 – 23, 2020 Student Led Conferences were completed. The attendance of parents was much lower than in years past due to COVID. One example from each grade was shared with the board members via email.
- **Parent Survey** - Parent participation was about 1/3 of what has been the number in the past.
- **School Updates:**
 - **Benchmarks for continued in person school:**
 - As of October 22, the guidance now directs schools to prepare for virtual learning

only if ALL THREE measures fall into the red category. ADHS advises counties with one benchmark in the red category for 2 or more weeks to consult with their local county health department to determine whether or not to transition back to virtual learning. Despite this change in guidance from ADHS, and while ASBA encourages consultation with county health officials, school districts still retain the ultimate authority to decide which instructional model works best for their community.

Current Data	Cases RED	% Pos Yellow	CLI Remains Green
Maricopa (Central Phx)	Oct 25 – 132 cases per 100,000 Cases Increasing	Oct 25 - Positivity 7.1%	Oct. 25 – 3.5% of Hospital visits were for COVID-Like Illness

- **Enrollment** is 94. (9th – 23, 10th – 20, 11th – 22, 12th – 29).
- **Academics**
 - Eligible Sophomores completed Achieving a College Education (ACE) Applications on line the week of October 19, 2020.
 - October 19 – 23, 2020 - Student grade checks were completed and accomplishments were celebrated!
 - December 4, 2020 - GLAAZ will have the first Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Virtual Site Visit of the year. The second one will be in the spring of 2021.
 - GLAAZ students now have access to free virtual tutoring through GCU.
- **Tune In To GLAAZ Newsletter** – Dawn Woods shared that the students have produced the November edition of Tune In To GLAAZ and it was shared with the board members via email.
- **Events**
 - October 20, 2020 the Publication and Production class participated in the ASU Cronkite School of Journalism Webinar – **Building Your Brand** - Stuck at home during the pandemic? Learn new ways to make your social brand stand out with big-impact hashtags and influencers. Cronkite professors Lisa Schmidtke (strategic communications) and Luis Bonilla (digital audiences) will help you shape your message and jump-start your social media.
 - November 18, 2020 - 15 Yearbook and SEI students will attend - ALMA (AZ Latin Media Association Bilingual Webinar
- **Professional Development Calendar**
 - October - Sexual Harassment / Bullying
- **Grant Updates**
 - Private Grants Awarded
 - MESA Club Grant from GCU –
 - Multi-year (decreasing yearly):
 - The first year aware is \$5,000 to be used for supplies and stipends. The amount will decrease over the next 4 years with the hope that the club will become fully funded by the school after the end of the grant.

MESA VIRTUAL CAMP (8 students and 2 staff attended)

- Nov. 12 | 5 – 8 pm (AZ Time)
- Nov. 13 | 5 – 8 pm (AZ Time)
- Nov. 14 | 10 am – Noon (AZ Time)
- Soroptimists have offered to cover the costs of the Spring Phoenix College classes for all the seniors who are accepted.
- Enrollment Stabilization Grant Program
 - Application accepted and amount to be announced by November 19, 2020.
- FEMA Public Assistance AZ Express pay Program
 - GLAAZ will apply for FEMA reimbursement for Cleaning, Custodial and PPE: 75% of every qualified dollar spent.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Al Charlesworth from Nexfaze provided an oral report on the school finances.

- Al Charlesworth shared that he was made aware that the 2020 AFR had not been submitted in a timely manner so he was able to focus on that and get it completed so it was uploaded prior to the second deadline. Nathan Pullen thanked the board members for turning around their signatures and approval via email to ensure the AFR could be completed.
- Due to the AFR the monthly financials were not presented. Al Charlesworth did note that the financials look very favorable for the month of October. October and November financials will be presented at the December meeting.

V. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – Nathan Pullen made three calls to the audience. There were no community members on the call.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. None

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE

December 15, 2020 5:00 p.m., Room 200 or Virtually

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. by Maryann Richardson and seconded by Marli Mayon. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of November, 2020
Leslie Shultz-Crist, Recording Secretary