



School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona Governing School Board was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 telephonically. Leslie Shultz-Crist served as recording secretary.

Members Present: Nathan Pullen, Marli Mayon, Kimberly Murphy Maryann Richardson, and Cassandra Anderson (non-voting)

Members Absent: Nina Munson

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 5:06 p.m. by Nathen Pullen.

B. Roll Call – Nathan Pullen

Nathan Pullen welcomed everyone and noted that there was a quorum.

II. Approval

A. Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2020.

B. Approval of the Agenda.

Mary Ann Richardson moved to approve the agenda and approve the minutes for the September 17, 2020 regular School Board meeting. Marli Mayon seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

III. Presentation

A. Staff Presentation, Soroptimist “Dream It Be It” Curriculum, Sabrina Araiza

- Dawn Woods introduced Sabrina as the Social Studies, Government and AVID 12 teacher. In addition, Sabrina has taken on the role of AVID District Director.
- Sabrina Araiza introduced the mentoring program. It is a curriculum called Dream It Be It” it is combination of their self-evaluation program and career awareness program. They will be using art, reflection and interpersonal skills to work through the program.
- The program will run once a week for the entire year. There are 8 core presenters and over 30 members will take part in various aspects.

IV. Reports

A. Chief Academic Officer Report

CAO Dawn Woods shared the following updates:

- **School Updates:**

- **Hybrid Learning**

- Monday, October 12, Girls Leadership Academy of AZ transitioned from Distance Learning to a Hybrid Learning Model. Additionally, GLAAZ continues to provide On-Site Learning Opportunities and Support Services daily for all students. Our school is open from 7:30 am-4pm, Monday through Friday.
 - The Hybrid Learning Model consists of a combination of In-Person Instruction days and Distance Learning days.
 - On Mondays and Thursdays, students with last names A-H attend In-Person and Distance Learn on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
 - On Tuesdays and Fridays, students with last names I-Z attend In-Person on Tuesdays and Fridays and Distance Learn on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
 - GLAAZ will continue to provide learning options for students that wish to Distance Learn Monday-Friday.
 - Approximately 20 girls are attending in person on their scheduled days.
 - Grab and Go meals are being provided to all students including meals for the day off.
 - There are two health screening check points that all girls go through each day as do the staff.

- **Enrollment** is 93. (9th – 23, 10th – 20, 11th – 22, 12th – 28).

- **Academics**

- October 6, 2020 – End of Quarter
 - October 7, 2020 - Report Cards Mailed
 - October 19 - 23, 2020 – Great Checks and Celebrations!
 - October 21 - 23, 2020 - Student – Led Conferences – School Board Members Welcome (Virtual)
 - December 4, 2020 –ADE Virtual Site Visit

- **Tune In To GLAAZ Newsletter** – Dawn Woods shared that the students have produced the October edition of Tune In To GLAAZ and it will be shared with the board members.

- **Events**

- September 22, 2020 - Open House
 - September 30, 2020 - All School Assembly –Calming the Triggered Brain –Tessa Brock
 - October 20, 2020 - ASU Cronkite School of Journalism
 - October 20, 2020 – PALS Meeting
 - November 18, 2020 - Yearbook and SEI students will attend -ALMA (AZ Latin Media Association) Bilingual Webinar

- **Professional Development Calendar**

- October - Sexual Harassment / Bullying

- **New Partnership** - Dawn Woods shared that the Production and Publication class will be

partnering with Journalism Education Association GLAAZ was one of four selected for partnership/mentorship with Clayton High School in Missouri! The journalism students of Clayton High will "meet" with our students once a month to mentor/partner/brainstorm ideas, and just learn about each other in zoom meetings during Publication and Production class. Thank you Terry Poorten for this exciting opportunity!

- **Grant Updates**

- Private Grants Awarded
 - \$3,000 – Cox Charities for Zero Hour Tutoring
- Pending Grants
 - Freeport McMoRan - \$5,000
 - No Kid Hungry - \$15,000
- Denied
 - AZ Commission of the Arts - \$1,500
- Enrollment Stabilization Grant Program
 - Application accepted and amount to be announced by November 19, 2020 approximately \$100,100
- FEMA Public Assistance AZ Express pay Program
 - GLAAZ will apply for FEMA reimbursement for Cleaning, Custodial and PPE: 75% of every qualified dollar spent.

B. Nathan Pullen shared that it is now announced that Florence Crittenton Services has merged with Chicanos Por La Causa. This was announced to the staff today in two meetings. There will be more information forth coming.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- GLAAZ had an August operating loss of \$12,888, which was \$18,000 favorable to budget. Total revenue was unfavorable to budget by \$19,000 due State Aid (\$20,000) and meal reimbursements (7,000) that were lower than budget due to reduced census. Census for September was 92 and the budget for the month was 118. Federal school grants were \$10,000 above budget as we drew down additional funds to cover allowed expenses that were have been incurred.
- Compared to August of last year, revenues were up \$90,000, gain due to the change in timing of recording July revenue.
- **August Revenue** - The reduced state aide and meal reimbursement will continue to be a revenue problem for the school as the number of students are down. \$14,000 of Federal Grants was drawn down from 5 different grants (IDEA, Title I, IV School Safety and ESSER) so no one was grant was significantly over budget.
- **August Expenses** - Overall expenses were \$945 less than budgeted. We were slightly over budget benefits due to Medical and Dental insurance costs. Professional and consulting fees were \$3,900 over budget due to \$2,300 in AZELLA testing and proctoring fees and \$1,280 in Speech Evaluations. Program Supplies was \$5,000 under budget due to lower costs in food and program supplies.

Transportation costs were \$1,400 under budget due to no usage of public transportation.

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

- VII. ACTION ITEMS**
 - A.** None

- VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE**
November 17, 2020 5:00 p.m., Room 200 or Virtually

- IX. ADJOURNMENT**
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. by Maryann Richardson and seconded by Marli Mayon. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted this 21th day of October, 2020
Leslie Shultz-Crist, Recording Secretary