



## School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021

The meeting of the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona Governing School Board was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 telephonically.

Leslie Shultz-Crist served as recording secretary.

**Members Present:** Nathan Pullen, Marli Mayon, Kimberly Murphy, Nina Munson, Maryann Richardson, and Cassandra Anderson (Non-Voting)

**Members Absent: None**

**Guests Present:** Chicanos Por La Causa Staff: Maria Spelleri, Erin Garcia, Janis Gallego, Andres Contreras, Tim Johnson, and Maryanna Yacoub

**Staff Members Present:** Dawn Woods, Interim Superintendent and CAO; Leslie Shultz-Crist, Director of Assessment and College Readiness, Veronica Saenz, Parent Coordinator, Al Charlesworth, Florence Crittenton Service's, CFO, Sheena Carbaugh, Science Teacher, Marc Ginsberg, Math Teacher

### I. General

**A. Call to Order – Nathan Pullen, Board Chair**

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Nathen Pullen.

**B. Roll Call – Nathan Pullen**

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

### II. Approval

**A. Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2021.**

**B. Approval of the Agenda.**

Nina Munson moved to approve the agenda and approve the minutes for the January 19, 2021 regular School Board meeting. Maryann Richardson seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

### III. INTRODUCTIONS

**A. Erin Garcia, Director of Programs, Coordination & Development, Social Services and Education, asked the Chicanos Por La Causa staff on the call to introduce themselves to the board.**

- Andres Contreras introduced himself as Executive Vice President of Social Services & Education.
- Alicia Nunez introduced herself as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.
- Janis Gallego introduced herself Associate Counsel.

- Tim Johnson introduced himself as the Controller.
- Maria Spelleri introduced herself as, Executive Vice President and General Counsel. Ms. Spelleri shared that CPLC is excited to work with Nathan, the School Governing Board, Dawn and Leslie. In addition, she shared that she believes the school is in good hands and has a great mission. She provided an update on the process with Arizona State Board for Charter School and said they will be bringing some items for consideration to the School Governing board moving forward. She shared that the ASBCS might not require the full amendment process to move forward with the integration of GLAAZ with CPLC. She offered to answer any questions that board members might have. Nathan shared that the board has had conversations prior and are well versed and up to date on the amendment process.

#### IV. Presentations –

##### A. MESA Club, Marc Ginsberg, Math Teacher and Sheena Carbaugh, Science Teacher, MESA Club Sponsors, presented the MESA Program:

- Sheena explained that the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Club is a low-cost program designed to increase access to Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) pathways and encourage college readiness for low-income, minority or first-generation college-bound students in grades 6-12 to support greater Equity in STEM. Arizona MESA’s approach is based on four pillars:
  - Active Learning using collaborative problem solving, building, and testing of prototypes, collecting, and analyzing data, consideration of design variables, communicating design choices, visual models, and both hand drawn and computer-aided
  - Exposure to STEM through college and career mentors and university campus events.
  - College Readiness through activities, resources and events developed by the UA Office of Early Academic Outreach as part of its Start Now college knowledge campaign
  - Peer Support by supporting the development of college-minded peer groups that support and encourage each other throughout the K-16 pipeline.
- Marc Ginsberg described the STEM design competitive component of the program and the incredible projects the GLAAZ girls are working on.
- Leslie Shultz-Crist shared that the program is a multi-year grant and provides money for supplies and a stipend for each of the three (3) teachers who are sponsoring the club.

#### V. Reports

##### A. Chief Academic Officer Report

CAO Dawn Woods shared the following updates:

- **School Updates:**
- Instructional Plan Quarter 4:

## Instructional Plan and COVID

**In accordance with Executive Order 2021-04, schools shall offer both in-person and virtual instruction to students and families no later than March 15, 2021 or the Monday following the LEAs spring break**

- Recommended Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and K-12 School Learning Modes by Level of Community Transmission Community Transmission to Reflect Level of Community Risk
- The first step in determining when and how to safely reopen schools involves assessing community transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. CDC recommends the use of two measures of community burden to determine the level of community transmission.
- These measures are used to assess the incidence and spread of COVID-19 in the community, not the school itself. Risk is dependent on community level transmission and implementation of school and community mitigation strategies

Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
K – 12 Schools open for full in-person instruction	K – 12 Schools open for full in-person instruction	Middle and high schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance	Middle and high schools in virtual instruction unless they can strictly implement all mitigation strategies and have few cases.
County	Case Rate	% Positivity	Transmission Level
Maricopa	Substantial	Low	Substantial

- **Enrollment** is 96. (9<sup>th</sup> – 25, 10<sup>th</sup> – 20, 11<sup>th</sup> – 22, 12<sup>th</sup> – 29).
- **Academics**
  - February – March - Comprehensive Needs Assessment continues to move forward.
  - 3/4-5/2021 - Student Led Conferences – were a success with most of the girls complete them.
  - Parents were asked to complete a survey and the results will be shared next month.
  - 3/31/2021 – Cesar Chavez Day
  - Ms. Woods shared that a new guidance counselor has been hired for next year. As soon as she has completed the intake process, she will be introduced to the boards.
- **Testing**
  - AZELLA - MARCH 23, 2021 – ELL Students (Unique Populations)
  - ACT STATE TEST- APRIL 6, 2021 – 11<sup>th</sup> Graders (Cohort 2022)
  - AZ M2 WRITING - APRIL 13, 2021 -10th Grade (Cohort 2023)
  - AZ SCIENCE - APRIL 15 – 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 11<sup>th</sup> Graders (Cohort 2022)
  - AZ M2 READING - APRIL 20, 2021 - 10th Grade (Cohort 2023)
  - AZ M2 READING - APRIL 22, 2021 - 10th Grade (Cohort 2023)
  - AZ M2 MATH - APRIL 27, 2021 - 10th Grade (Cohort 2023)
  - AZ M2 MATH - APRIL 29, 2021 - 10th Grade (Cohort 2023)
- **Grant Updates**
  - **Acceleration Academies Funding**
    - This application has been submitted and was returned for a revision. It will be resubmitted. The approved items are:
      - English Language Arts High-Quality Curriculum = MyPerspective and Achieve 3000

- Professional Development for teachers in the Carnegie Math Solutions, READ 180 and new ELA Curriculums (MyPerpective and Achieve 3000)
- Tutoring program before and after school stipends and supplies.
- Participate in LETRS Training for all staff
- Rosetta Stone subscriptions for the SEI class
- **FEMA Public Assistance AZ Express pay Program**
  - GLAAZ is still waiting to be assigned a specialist - GLAAZ applied for FEMA reimbursement program. We have been accepted into the program and will be working with a dedicated specialist to complete the process. 75% of every qualified dollar spent can be reimbursed. Leslie Shultz Crist spoke with the FEMA department and they confirmed this part of the process takes the longest time.

**VI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**A. Al Charlesworth provided an oral report on the school finances for February 2021**

• **February Finances**

- GLAAZ had a February operating loss of \$8,798, which was \$31k unfavorable to budget.
- Compared to February of last year, revenues were down \$34k.

• **February Revenue**

- The reduced state aid and meal reimbursement will continue to be a revenue problem for the school as the number of students are down as compared to the prior year and budget.
- Total revenue was unfavorable to budget by \$42,627 due State Aid (\$17k) and meal reimbursements (6k) that were lower than budget due to reduced census. Average census for February revenue was 92.2 and the budget for the month was 118. Total grant revenue was below budget by \$11k due to timing of the budget. Federal school grants were only \$1k below budget. Donations were also lower than budget by \$7k.

• **February Expenses**

- Overall expenses were \$11,148 less than budgeted. We were over budget in salaries (\$3,122). Benefits was over budget due to medical insurance costs and an adjustment made by our workers compensation insurance provider. Contract and Professional Services were under budget \$4,368 due to no expenditures for Temporary Employees that was budgeted. Food, Supplies and Equipment was \$12k under budget due to no costs in athletic activities and significantly lower costs in food and program supplies. Transportation costs were \$3,485 under budget due to no usage of public transportation.

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

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. None**

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE**

April 20, 2021 5:00 p.m., Room 200 or Virtually

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. by Maryann Richardson and seconded by Kimberly Murphy. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021  
Leslie Shultz-Crist, Recording Secretary