



CHICANOS POR LA CAUSA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



School Governing Board Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021

The Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona Governing Board meeting was virtually held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Yizza Mares served as recording secretary.

Members Present: Nathan Pullen, Marli Mayon, Nina Munson, and Kimberly Murphy

Members Absent: Maryann Richardson

Guests Present: Cassandra Anderson Chicanos Por La Causa Staff: Janis Gallego, Alicia Nunez, Tim Johnson, Maria Spelleri, Mehdi Lasker, Allen Charlesworth, and Yizza Mares

Staff Members Present: Dr. Connie Jordan, Principal

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Nathen Pullen, Board Chair.

B. Action Items

1. Minutes of August 17, 2021
2. Minutes of September 7, 2021
3. 2021-2022 Instructional Time Model

Nina Munson made a motion to approve all actions on the consent agenda, and Kimberly Murphy seconded.

All were in favor. The motion passed.

C. Discussion Items- These items are for the Board discussion and information:

1. Financial Statement Review for the month ending August 31, 2021- Mehdi Lasker, Financial Analyst for CPLC, reviewed the old and new financials format and indicated that the new financial worksheet provides greater detail of current and future key financial statement data. For the August month-ending report, there is a financial deficit of 21k. The debt attributed to the low enrollment and forewarned the board of an additional financial burden of 16% for upcoming months due to indirect costs.
2. Principal Report- Connie Jordan provided a comprehensive report of the many academic and nonacademic activities. This year's focus goal is to help increase enrollment and reported several ongoing strategies such as tabling events to improve



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community visibility and expanding the educational program to accommodate the range of different zip codes of students we are servicing. Additionally, GLAAZ continues to network and leverage new and existing business partners for collaboration and student success; one example was the Soroptimist International organization coming in regularly to provide GLAAZ seniors with economic empowerment training and postsecondary planning. Another area of focus shared was the rigorous emphasis on increasing students reading levels and speaking to some of the intervention efforts to achieve it.

3. Special Board Meeting October 12, 2021. Yizza Mares made the board aware of a special board meeting on October 12 to present and approve the FY2021 annual financial reports.

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

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. by Nina Munson and seconded by Marli Mayon. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of September 2021
Yizza Mares, Recording Secretary