



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Southwest Preparatory Learning Center Governing Council on
Thursday, October 15, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Aaron Redd, Alissa Mavridis, DeEtte Peterson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Marvin Larsen, James Burton

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Jonas Cossey, Maria Foster, Lisa Mora

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Justine Vigil, Jennifer Vigil, Jennifer Renfro

Note – Due to COVID-19 and social distancing regulations, this meeting was held using Zoom Video Conferencing.

Note - Governing Board members visually raised their hand when saying, “All in Favor” when voting and during roll calls.

These minutes were approved on **November 19, 2020**

By a vote of **X** yes ___ no ___ absent ___ abstained

Aaron Redd President

Tonya McCullough Secretary

I. Call to Order

By Aaron Redd

Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 5:11 PM

Regular Meeting of the Governing Council for Southwest Preparatory Learning Centers

Meeting held via Zoom and hosted by Jonas Cossey

A. Roll Call

Tonya called Aaron Redd, Alissa Mavridis, Marvin Larsen (absent), DeEtte Peterson, and James Burton

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Aaron Redd

C. Adoption of the Agenda*

Motion by Aaron Redd that we ADOPT the Agenda

Seconded by Alissa Mavridis

Carried All in Favor

D. Review / Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2020, Regular Meeting*

Maria previously emailed Tonya minor changes to the Business Office Report, which were completed earlier.

Motion by Aaron Redd to APPROVE the August Minutes with Maria's modifications.

Seconded by DeEtte Peterson

Carried All in Favor

II. Financial Update

A. Finance Committee Report (Committee met October 15, 2020, at 4:30 pm)

Jennifer Renfro stated Jennifer Vigil did very well going over the financial records and we are doing good as a school.

Jonas informed the Board we got our Lease Assistance yesterday, which is a weight off our shoulders.

B. Budget Adjustment Requests: 530-000-2021-0003-D*

Jennifer V. explained the three bars to the Board.

1. 530-000-2021-0004-T: Transfer BAR from 1000 Function to cover expenses in our 2000 Function, to clean up the negative line items in the budget.

2. 530-000-2021-0005-M: Maintenance BAR. Cleaned up our 1000 Maintenance Function so we don't have any negative lines.

3. 530-000-2021-0006-M: Maintenance BAR to clean up our negative lines on our 2000 Function.

Motion by Alissa Mavridis to APPROVE the Budget Adjustments 0004-T, 0005-M, and 0006-M.

Seconded by DeEtte Peterson

Carried All in Favor

C. Business Office Report

Maria said the Business Office continues to be busy. We heard from our auditor and they are proceeding with the final stages and will hopefully schedule our Exit Interview at the end of October. All the documentation they requested has been turned in this week and we are in good standing. We have let one of our teachers go and Mr. Cossey

has selected another teacher; Maria will be getting him into the system. Aaron inquired as to the new background check of the new teacher. Maria said it may be possible that the new teacher will utilize the new system.

III. Public Comment

(5 minutes per individual with the right to allow more time from Governing Council President)

IV. Ongoing Governing Body Business Matters

A. Governing Board Training

Aaron reminded the Board they still need to do training. The PED is offering courses, but it has been during office hours. He said Jonas may have an alternate option with paid courses offered online. Alissa said there are free choices online. This topic will be brought up again next month. Maria said she would like a PO before courses are paid for.

V. Head Administrator Report and Summary

Jonas did a recap of last month's report. He said we were at 172 students. We are a little low, but he is hoping we can use last year's counts. He said once we start receiving FBI background checks, the Board will need to discuss how to handle the hiring of employees and make new policies.

A. Enrollment

Jonas said we are on an upward trend with enrollment. The current count is 175; we have a lot of space to grow within the lower grades. He said teachers are working hard and providing a quality program.

B. Staffing

Jonas stated our 7/8 Mathematics Instructor resigned due to health reasons. An interview was held yesterday with a gentleman. He was very engaging and we offered him the position. He is in negotiations with his current school to leave his contract.

C. 40th Day

Jonas stated we met compliance indicators with PED today and we are in good standing.

D. Dean of Students Report

Lisa got the Board up to date on the Chromebook distribution. There are no students on the waitlist. She stated she is the PPE point person for the school and we are maintaining the level of inventory PED requires. PED is sending two to three cloth masks per person, which were secured through FEMA. Lisa said the staff will have CPR training tomorrow, and everyone has completed the online portion. She updated the Board on developments within the Attendance Act. Meetings are ongoing, and interventions are challenging, but teachers continue to reach out and are doing their best to comply with the new act. We have partnered with Graduation Alliance to expand our services to K-12 and have students we will be referring. Minor adjustments are being made to the new website.

She said the Equity Council met in September, and all recommendations from the June meeting are in place. Teachers now have access to translation services to meet with parents. Special education is working with teachers to help them find needed modifications for students. They are also considering home visits. “Tips & Tricks” have been sent to parents to walk them through technical issues of online learning. Many issues have been worked out in the last few weeks.

E. IT Report

Jonas stated we did not receive an IT report from Tim. Chris Lutz and Jonas are working with Microsoft to finalize the Lenovo laptops. He will be able to provide an update next month.

VI. New Business Matters

A. The date for the next SPLC Governing Council Meeting – scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 5:00 pm.

VII. Adjournment*

Motion by Aaron Redd for ADJOURNMENT.

Seconded by Alissa Mavridis

Carried All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Note: * Indicates Action / Approved Item

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