

Meeting Date Held: 3/15/2021

Time Held: 6:01 – 6:40 p.m.

Virtual Meeting held online (Zoom Link)

1. Call to order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jules Schoolmeester at 6:04 pm. Present were Jules Schoolmeester, Karen Vaughan, Carmen Gilbert, Lisa Windom, Barbara Wiggins, Gyna Castillo, and Tara Meierkord. Rosiland Bivings joined the meeting at 6:20.

Also present were non-voting participants, Jennifer McCloskey (Executive Director) and Krista Yarberry (Head of School). Also present was guest, Carrie Wagner (LA GALS)

2. For Action (Last Months Board Minutes)

Ms. Meierkord made a motion to approve last month's minutes; Ms. Wiggins seconded the motion. The motion passed, unanimously.

3. For Information and Possible Action (New Board Member Recruitment)

A possible new board member was presented to the board. Patricia Farley has been working with GALS Las Vegas during a non-profit project. She has also arranged a donation of T-shirts for all the students. She is the CEO of Southwest Supply Specialties. Ms. Farley has also been recommended by other groups GALS Las Vegas has worked with in the past. Ms. Windom made a motion to approve Ms. Farley as the new board member; Ms. Vaughan seconded the motion. The motion passed, unanimously.

4. For Information and Possible Action (GALS Charter Amendment)

It is necessary for the board to approve an amendment to the GALS charter for our new location and reduction in number of students. This amendment will be presented to the SPCSA in April. Ms. Windom made a motion to approve the amendment draft as presented; Ms. Meierkord seconded the motion. The motion passed, unanimously.

5. For Information (ED/HOS Reports)

Ms. McCloskey reported that COVID restrictions have been lifted to 75% of occupancy by the state. Our numbers are within those limits. The change to a 3 foot space requirement will make school much easier although we will remain with the 6 feet spacing, since we have the ability to accommodate that. Our students are still COVID free.

Ms. McCloskey reported the facilities lease for next year has been signed. The architect is working on designs for our new location.

The board commented on the amounts of hard work and dedication Ms. McCloskey has given to this project. As a board, we are so impressed with the work that has gone into getting our school to this point.

Ms. Yarberry reported to the board that the hybrid system for the students is working extremely well. She is working to facilitate our teachers only having to work with one audience at a time with more students returning with the new easier restrictions.

Ms. Yarberry reported that our enrollment for next year is already to 68. We are sure we will be able to reach 90 students soon. Our enrollment is at 98 for this year.

Ms. Yarberry also updated the progress of our Summer School plans. We have secured a grant from TFA. We will utilize Zoom for this project. This service will be free to our students. This will also allow an extended school year for our SPED students. Our new location has offered a couple of rooms to help with this program.

We have 2 staff openings for next year. We are looking for a SPED and na ELA teacher. We have hired math/science teachers for next year already.

6. For Information & Action (Charter School Development Corp. Contract)

Ms. Windom presented a contract proposal. Charter School Development Corp. helps charter schools with lease guarantees and new building construction loan guarantees. Our lease guarantee is for \$300,000. We can secure this insurance for \$15,000 as an upfront expense. The length of the contract will be for 5 years. Ms. Windom made a motion to approve the contract with Charter School Development Corporation; Ms. Vaughan seconded the motion. The motion passed, unanimously.

7. For Information (Treasurer Report)

Ms. Meirekord presented the 5 year budget for our years starting in SY 2021-2022. Please note the slower student enrollment projections following COVID and our new building location. The budget is currently in draft and will need to be voted upon at our next board meeting.

Ms. Meirekord spoke to the strong balance sheet and income statement for the school.

Ms. McCloskey was recognized by the board for her hard work in implementing our new financial system these past few months.

There was discussion about taking out a line of credit and ED McCloskey will bring more information to our next board meeting to decide on that.

8. Next Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will be held on April 19, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:00. The meeting will be held on Zoom.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.