February 13, 2017 Governing Board Minutes

Amended (to include address of meeting, names of people in attendance, and clarify how each member voted)

Location of meeting: Arizona Language Preparatory, 4645 E Marilyn Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85032

1. Call to order at 4:30 pm
2. Roll call- all in attendance plus Paris Booker (Beau Beyerle, Allison Perrin, Michael Gerity, Matt Toomey, Tawnie Weaver)
3. Call to public
   1. Not allowing new students in whenever
      1. Beau response: we are a public school and need to accept who is entered and this is an experiment. Remember: this is not a private school.
      2. Matt response: we need assessments for placement purposes only
   2. Homework: K-2 students are not getting homework done and need a better system
      1. Beau response: we need to be openly communicating with administration and parents to know that we have to communicate. You must communicate with administration about issues and needs. Everyone needs to see that we need to talk immediately. Homework Club purpose: generate income and facilitate “homework” the correct way. K-2
      2. Weaver response: homework is busy work and not meaningful practice.
      3. Matt response: Put in pieces on our end that ensure a productive homework club.
      4. Allison response: financially needed for our vitality.
   3. Leadership transition: Who will be running the school next year?
      1. Beau response: The direction the school is going now will not take a sharp left turn and we will continue down this path to achieve our goals. I think we are meeting our goals with this group, and this board, and this leadership. Position will be posted and candidates will be reviewed.
      2. Allison response: Survey responses were that helpful, but may we need a better survey. Teacher feedback is super important and we need very truthful feedback.
   4. How do we share information?
      1. Beau response: Matt is the HR/Operations Director and he is your first person to seek information from or share questions or concerns. Please email Beau, Allison, Michael.
      2. Allison response: The earlier you share an issue the sooner the issue can be resolved.
   5. What are the boards plans regarding the need for more English instruction?
      1. Beau response: Our goal is to expand our teaching staff to full time employees with a stronger schedule.
      2. Matt response: The plans for next year will incorporate all our needs and wants into the schedule and long-term plan.
4. Discussion
   1. Better Chinese Implementation
      1. Matt and Tawnie will be working with teachers to get the new curriculum implemented and make sure the curriculum is implemented with fidelity.
   2. Staffing for 2017-2018 on March 3rd
      1. Tawnie and Matt will map out professional development for the rest of the year
      2. Allison agreed to buy lunch for teachers for the next early release day.
   3. Technology use in classroom and Homework Club
      1. There is a growing concern that students are not using technology appropriately and Matt and Tawnie will monitor more closely.
5. Action
   1. Approval of Previous Minutes
      1. Beau motions, all in favor
   2. Spanish Curriculum- need to know whether or not we need to move
      1. Beau makes a recommendation; after teacher evaluation, governing board approves a letter to the corporate to purchase 2500 in curriculum. All in favor.
   3. Adopt Danielson Tool for teacher evaluation
6. Future Date
7. 5:58 meeting adjourned

Board Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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