



# Arizona Language Preparatory

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## Open Meeting January 7, 2021

### Joint Corporate and Governing Board of Directors Meeting SPECIAL MEETING - MINUTES

1. Notice of Meeting
  - a. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Language Preparatory Board of Directors and to the general public that the Board will hold a public meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board reserves the right to change the order of the items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specific time.
  - b. Location and time of meeting: Date and time of meeting will be 4:30 pm on January 7, 2021. Meeting will be telephonic/online only.**
  - c. Call to public is only available for in-person attendants, and therefore will not be available during telephonic-only meetings. During in person meetings, persons who want to speak will be required to state their full name and physical address to confirm they are members of the school's public, and this information will be recorded in the minutes. Each person will be limited to speak for 3 minutes at the maximum, and comments will be recorded in the minutes. The board cannot directly address the comments but will place them under consideration for possible discussion at a future meeting.
  - d. The Board of Directors reserves the right to move into executive session for legal advice with its attorneys, in person or by telephone, for any item listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).
  - e. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.02, the Arizona Language Preparatory Board of Directors hereby states that all notices and agendas of the meetings of the Arizona Language Preparatory Board of Directors and any of its committees and subcommittees will be posted at least 24 hours in advance on the school website <https://azlanguageprep.org/> (on the Board of Director's page), as well as on the bulletin board located outside of Arizona Language Preparatory, 4645 E Marilyn Rd, Phoenix AZ 85032. The bulletin board is available for public viewing at all times.
  - f. Additional documentation relating to public meeting agenda items may be obtained at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by contacting Renita Myers at (602) 996-1595.
2. Call to Order: 4:33 pm
3. Roll Call
  - a. Board Members Present: Kellie Rosinski (KR), Allison Perrin (AP), Michael Gerity (MG), Dan Melton (DM)
  - b. Board Members Absent: n/a
  - c. Non-Voting Officers Present: Renita Myers (RM), Anne Cotty (AC)
  - d. Non-Voting Officers Absent: n/a
  - e. Members of the Public Present: multiple members of public present over call
4. Call to the public –*This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter,*



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*responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.*

## 5. Principal's Report

- a. Presentation reviewed current enrollment numbers, recent funding impacts relating to pandemic

## 6. Special meeting topic:

- a. Discussion of date to return to In-Person learning; possible approval of ALP addendums to opening/closure and covid-19 related protocols
  - i. RM presentation included recent ADHS benchmark data showing all metrics in the substantial transmission category (red) with recommendation of virtual learning
  - ii. Discussed that Governor Ducey has not made an executive order requiring students to be online, and the decision remains with school districts
  - iii. MCDPH supports in person learning if it can be done safely; current recommendation is that if a school is able to operate safely then it can proceed in a hybrid learning scenario; we are a natural hybrid environment due to low class size
  - iv. Reviewed that the FFCRA expired 12/31/20
  - v. Reviewed AZ Dept of Public Health study that showed that children who tested positive were more likely to have attended gatherings (weddings, funerals, parties, or playdates) rather than school; discussed this could be attributable to school's effective mitigation plan, and supports that schools likely remain a safe place for students and staff; also discussed that the study was done before the current peak in cases
  - vi. Discussed that at least a 2 week delay between winter break and return to in person learning is recommended to decrease transmission in the school community related to in person gatherings over the break (and potential for lag time of symptoms, positive cases)
  - vii. Reviewed that most local districts and charters are offering only virtual learning at this time without a clear start date for in person learning; also discussed that those planning to offer in person learning again also have the staff to continue offering virtual learning, which is not something ALP can do due to staffing and funding limitations (due to specialized trilingual learning model and small school size)
  - viii. Discussed that ALP's mission and vision for trilingual education is best achieved with an in person learning model, and the goal is to resume in person education as soon as safely possible
  - ix. Discussed that teachers can go online to start filling out questionnaires to get scheduled for a vaccine starting January 11<sup>th</sup>; also discussed that the timeline for actual vaccine administration still very unclear, but that this information will be very helpful in decision making
  - x. Reviewed current covid cases within the ALP community: 4 students have done home quarantines due to positive family members; there have been two confirmed cases and there has not been any transmission at the school (1 case was over winter break when there was no potential for spread)
- b. Review of updated national quarantine recommendations, with possible approval of changes to current school quarantine protocol



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- i. Reviewed updated national quarantine recommendations; no changes to current school protocol made at this time, with plan to revisit at a future meeting
7. Next board meeting planned: Thursday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm
8. Meeting adjourned: 5:53 pm