



PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

School Governing Board Meeting Agenda November 28, 2023

Notice of Regular Meeting: 9:15 AM

1477 W. Commerce Ct. Tucson, AZ 85746

General Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment

The Partnership Schools Governing Board welcomes public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the schools. Comments should be limited to three minutes per individual. At the conclusion of public comment, the Board members may respond to the comments made by the public to the Committee, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. Members of the Committee, however, may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during public comment unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Finally, be advised that internal high school(s) and academy processes are available to students and employees for communication.

Reports:

Superintendents Reports

Enrollment/Recruitment

Finance

Grants

Infrastructure

Action Items:

- Motion to Approve Minutes from the October 4, 2023, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.
- Motion to cancel December Meeting

Announcements:

The next regular meeting is proposed for January 22, 2024, 9:15a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

Adjournment:

**Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2023, at COPE Community Services
1477 W. Commerce Ct. Tucson, AZ 85746**

Members Present:

- Khalid Al-Maskari (Via Zoom)
- Daniella Hisey (Via Zoom)
- Joe Higgins (Via Zoom)
- Richard Paige (Via Zoom)

Staff Present:

- Ian Kidd, Superintendent (Via Zoom)
- Rod Cook, CEO (In person)

Guests Present:

- Clarissa Jimenez, COPE (In person)

General Matters:

1. Call to Order

Ms. Hisey called the Partnership Schools Governing Board meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Reports

1. Superintendent's Report

a. Enrollment/Recruitment

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the enrollment numbers for the schools. The Arizona Collegiate High School in Phoenix has 143 students enrolled. The Tucson high school has 129 students enrolled and the middle school has 45 students enrolled. Mr. Kidd informed the Board the high school's enrollment numbers have been going up and down due to graduating students. The growth has been steady with the high schools but with winter graduation, they will need to recruit more to replace them. There are four weeks until the winter break, so the schools have time to recruit. Mr. Kidd informed the Board the schools have the refer a friend program as well to get enrollments. The enrollment numbers directly affect the finances. Mr. Kidd also reported to the Board the math teacher in Phoenix resigned and now the school is looking for another teacher.

Mr. Al-Maskari asked what the actual numbers of enrollment are compared to the budgeted numbers and if that directly effects the payments of funding to the schools. Mr. Kidd stated right now the budgets are projected numbers of enrollments but the finance team and himself will be looking at the actual numbers compared to the projected numbers. The budgets will have to be revised to the actual enrolled students and will be brought back to the Board for approval. Mr. Kidd stated the schools work hard to keep attendance up because of this, they usually have a 20% absentee rate which they are trying to improve.

b. Finance

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the finance team and himself would be working on revising the budgets for the schools. It is a requirement from the Charter Board to look at the budgets and revise them to reflect the actual enrollment numbers and what was projected. Once the budgets are revised, they will be brought back to the Board.

c. Grants

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the COVID grants are running out and the only one left is the Esser 3 grant. There is a safety grant the schools received that pays for a counselor and two school improvement grants as well. One is for the middle school, and one is in the high school. The high school grant is to improve graduation rate, the target is 70% and currently the high school's graduation rate is at 66%. Mr. Kidd informed the Board the Governor's office approved a grant for tutoring, but it was not feasible for PPP schools. The requirements of the tutoring grant the schools need a low letter grade and both high schools and the middle school received a B letter grade.

Ms. Hisey asked how the grades of the school this year compared to last year. Mr. Kidd reported the grades have stayed at a B for the last couple years, and for the next meeting he will bring the student achievement scores in. Mr. Kidd informed the Board the schools get graded differently because they are considered alternative schools. The grading doesn't just look at the test scores of the schools but also the graduation rates and other factors. Mr. Kidd informed the Board before schools would get graded on the AIMS testing but now it is just strictly off the SAT and ACT test scores, which hinders the PPP schools since a lot of students go to the school and are usually behind and they do not need to pass the test to graduate. The high schools are doing some SAT prep, tutoring, and looking at sample questions for those needing to take the test. Mr. Kidd reported to the Board he went to a State Charter Board meeting, and they spoke having students pass a state test to graduate again, but it doesn't look like that rule will change soon.

d. Infrastructure

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that there are not many updates to the infrastructure at this time. There will be some windows being replaced. Mr. Kidd also reported that the Bosh security system they have is having some issues now. The company that installed the system went out of business and now it is difficult to find a company to help fix it.

1. Motion to approve minutes from the October 4, 2023, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 4, 2023, meeting.

Motion: Mr. Higgins moved to approve the October 4, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative

Joe Higgins: Affirmative

Daniella Hisey: Affirmative

Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Motion to cancel the December meeting.

The Board reviewed the December meeting cancellation and the date to resume in January 2024.

Motion: Mr. Higgins moved to approve the cancellation of the December meeting Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative

Joe Higgins: Affirmative

Daniella Hisey: Affirmative

Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements

1. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

Adjournment

1. **Motion:** Mr. Al-Maskari moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Higgins seconded the motion. The School Board meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.