



**PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS**

## **School Governing Board Meeting Agenda 28 Sept 2021**

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 Report

COVID

Enrollment/Recruitment

Finance

### **Action Items:**

- Motion to Approve Minutes from the July 6, 2021, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.

### **Announcements:**

The next regular meeting is proposed for October 26, 2021, 9:15AM at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

### **Adjournment:**

**Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2021**

**Members Present:**

- Khalid Al-Maskari (Via Zoom)
- Richard Paige (Via Zoom)
- Joe Higgins (Via Zoom)
- Dr. Margaret Higgins (Via Zoom)

**Staff Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

- Clarissa Jimenez, COPE (In person)

**General Matters:**

- 1. Call to Order**  
Dr. Higgins called the Partnership Schools Governing Board meeting to order at 9:15 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. COVID**

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that COVID protocols are going well at the schools, and teachers and all staff are vaccinated. There have been only a couple cases of COVID-19 within the schools, and only a couple kids had to be isolated. The staff at the schools are encouraging the students to get vaccinated, most of the high school kids are vaccinated. Mr. Kidd also reported that he believes about 50% of the students enrolled are vaccinated and the Phoenix high school has a less vaccination rate than Tucson.

**b. Enrollment/Recruitment**

Mr. Kidd informed the Board that enrollment for the Arizona Collegiate High School in Phoenix has 170 enrollees, 150 at the Pima Partnership High School and 60 at the middle school. There are about 30 students who are still enrolled at Pima Partnership High School who are online based. These students have laptops with the E-rate learning system and hotspots. Mr. Al-Maskari asked how that laptops with the E-rate was going. Mr. Kidd stated that they hired an E-rate consultant who has given them the green light to order laptops because some students who graduated kept the laptops which they are still using.

Mr. Kidd also reported that the Pima Partnership High School had to expel some students for destroying the bathrooms because of a Tik Tok challenge. The students broke off the soap dispensers and threw soap everywhere in the bathrooms and destroyed school property.

Mr. Kidd informed the Board there are still math and science teaching positions open at the high school in Phoenix. Dr. Higgins asked if finding teachers for positions is making it difficult for the school and students learning. Mr. Kidd stated that there is a shortage of teachers and substitutes because of COVID, and that there are not a lot of people going into the field of teaching because of the pay. Mr. Kidd also informed the Board he has had a special education position open for a year and has not had one applicant. There are ways that he will have to think of outside of the box for recruitment for teachers in Phoenix. Phoenix has a high market rate for pay for teachers, so PPP did raise the pay rate for science and math teachers for the Arizona Collegiate High School.

Mr. Kidd also reported that because there is a shortage of substitute teachers, they had been going through an agency which is more costly to the schools. The agency takes a percentage of what the pay is for the substitute, so Mr. Kidd put an ad out for a full time substitute instead of having to go through an agency and the money can go straight to the employee. Dr. Higgins asked the qualifications for a teacher. Mr. Kidd informed the Board that you can have a bachelor's degree and a certificate in order to teach. PPP hired an instructional coach for when the school hires a teacher who has a degree but not much experience with lesson planning, and state standards to help them and instruct them on how to do these things.

**c. Finance**

Mr. Kidd reported that the grants that have been awarded will continue for this year. The Esser grant has been spread over two years for spending. Mr. Kidd informed the Board there will be some cross training of a couple employees to join the PPP Finance team to help and plan for budgets throughout the year.

**Action Items**

**1. Motion to approve minutes from the August 31, 2021, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the August 31, 2021, meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Higgins moved to approve the August 31, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative

Richard Paige: Affirmative

Joe Higgins: Affirmative

Dr. Margaret Higgins: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved

**Announcements**

**1. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.

**Adjournment**

**1. The School Board meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.**