

Academy Adventures Midtown School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

3025 N. Winstel Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

February 20, 2019 - 3:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Role Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by Cathy Rex
Members Present: John T. Penczar, Cathy Rex, Nikki Pitman, Carol Towner (Telephonically)
Member Absent: Duane Wrobel, MaryAnn Applegate
Public: Angela Towner

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2019

Motion by Ms. Nikki Pitman/second by Mr. John Penczar - The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

3. Discussion and Approval of Teacher and Principal Retention Stipends

Title II allows schools to pay teachers and principals retention stipends. Since we have the money in the grant and we are a small school, this would be a good way to use the funds. The idea is to pay a lump sum, depending on the funding, in the beginning of August when the teacher returns.

Motion by Ms. Carol Towner/second by Ms. Nikki Pitman - The Board unanimously voted to approve the use of Title II funds for teacher retention.

Nay Votes – 0; Yay Votes: Carol Towner, Nikki Pitman & Cathy Rex; Jack Penczar recused himself from the vote

4. Discussion and Approval of End of Year Field Trip – Tricia Campbell, Angela Towner

The school has been doing various fundraisers to raise money to pay for the trip. This year the school will be doing their annual End of Year Family Field Trip to Wildlife World Zoo, Aquarium and Safari in Litchfield Park, AZ and then dinner in Casa Grande at the Golden Corral. We did not raise enough money for Sea World. We will continue raise money and whatever is not used for this year's trip will be put towards next year's trip.

Motion by Ms. Carol Towner/second by Ms. Nikki Pitman - The Board unanimously voted to approve End of Year Family Trip.

Nay Votes – 0; Yay Votes: Carol Towner, Nikki Pitman, Jack Penczar & Cathy Rex

5. Acknowledgement and Approval of Administrative Staff Performing Dual Roles

All three (3) Administrators (Patricia Campbell, Angela Towner & Jack Penczar) are doing dual roles as administrators and teaching duties due to teacher turnover. Each are still filling Administrative Roles while also teaching.

In addition, Jack is picking up and dropping off one of the students who is considered homeless, (was put into Foster Care during the school year) as part of the McKinney-Vento Act for homeless students. That is being covered under Title I.

If there is any additional funding available at the end of the school year, Jack is requesting that the Administrators be compensated for their dual roles.

Motion by Ms. Cathy Rex/second by Ms. Carol Towner - The Board unanimously voted and sees appropriate that Administrators be compensated for fulfilling teaching duties above and beyond their administrative duties, if funds are available.

Nay Votes – 0; Yay Votes: Carol Towner, Nikki Pitman & Cathy Rex; Jack Penczar recused himself from the vote

6. Presentation and Approval of Budget Changes in Federal Programs Due to Increased Allocations

After recalculations the Arizona Department of Education has allotted us another \$32,000 total that includes Title I, II and IVA . This money will be built into salaries for Interventionists/Tutors so more students can be tutored. In addition, money will be used in the Title I program for the addition of Art and Music, part of the STEM/STEAM program. All these funds will be used to directly service the students.

Motion by Ms. Carol Towner/second by Ms. Cathy Rex - The Board unanimously voted approves the use of the increased federal funding to be allocated to salaries for Interventionists/Tutors and the STEM/STEAM program.

Nay Votes – 0; Yay Votes: Carol Towner, Nikki Pitman, Cathy Rex & Jack Penczar

7. Discussion of Staff Changes

One of our Paraprofessionals resigned and moved out of town.

In place of Carrie, we have hired Yamileth Abril Montano. Abril is bilingual and will be working with the 3rd grade students along with Mrs. Campbell. Abril is currently on a Work Visa that is good thru June 2019 and she is working on getting her green card.

Ms. Gale Quackenbush has been hired to teach Music and Art. She also does some Intervention work with students on Thursday mornings and four (4) days a week in the extended day learning program.

No Action Needed

8. Set up Next Board Meeting

Next meeting is set for Monday, March 11, 2019, at 3:00 PM

9. Call for Public Comment

No public comment.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Jack Penczar/second by Ms. Nikki Pitman - The Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:31 PM.