

Academy Adventures Midtown School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

3025 N. Winstel Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

May 13, 2021 @ 1:30 PM

1. Call to Order, Role Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by Cathy Rex
Members Present via Zoom: John T. Penczar, Cathy Rex,
Carol Towner
Public: Angela Towner, David DeConcini, Gary Best & Earl Doran

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 28, 2020

Motion by Ms. Cathy Rex/second by Ms. Carol Towner - The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes.

Nay Votes – 0; Yay Votes: John Penczar, Carol Towner & Cathy Rex

3. Review Federal Grants

Mr. Penczar gave a summary of the various Federal Grants that have been received due to Covid-19. So far, we have received the following grants: ESSER 1, ESSER 2, ESG & Accelerations Academy (GEER). Title I, II and IVA have also been received and ESSER III will be released in the next week or so.

With these grants, five (5) new employees have been added to staff. Our newest addition has a masters degree in curriculum and has worked around the world. She is retired and wants to work only part-time. She will work with the Title I Interventionists, as well as the teachers. She will focus on test results and how those results can be used to help in the classroom as well as how the Interventionists will work with students. She is analyzing all of the benchmark data reports to find out where students need the most help.

Mr. DeConcini inquired about the breakdown of how much each grant was. The breakdown is as follows:

- ESG - \$13381.25
- ESSER I - \$50000
- ESSER II - \$161943.33
- ESSER III – 362370.17
- Acceleration Grant (GEER) - \$75000
- Title I, II & IVA - \$72914.92

ESG was used to purchase new Chromebooks for the students. ESSER I & II has been used for cleaning supplies and staff. The GEER grant will be used towards new ELA and Math curricula. ESSER III will be used towards supplemental curricula and other needs.

No Action Needed

4. Discuss Student Academic Progress

We are seeing improvements in students, especially after returning to in-person learning on March 22nd. The students continue to use their Chromebooks to work on supplemental programs to help bridge some of the learning gaps. The school was part of a beta test through Galileo for CAT testing. It was another way for the school to monitor the progress of the students. The final tests given will provide

information what grade level the child is working at. These benchmark tests, including AzM2 and Galileo will help provide us with baselines for summer school and next school year.

No Action Needed

5. Summer Plan for Staff and Students

Staff is working on choices for Summer School. To make it cost efficient we must have at least 20 students registered. It will be all day, five days a week. There will be no cost to families. The plan is to make it fun and educational. Students will have a lot of hands on activities and small groups and/or individual students will be pulled throughout the day to work with a teacher on skills that they are low in.

So far there are 14 students registered. This will not be a drop-in program and students will be required to be there daily and on time. If they miss more than one day, then they may have to wait until the following week to return. This is based on previous experience where parents use it more as a babysitting service. With set attendance requirements, we hope to have more consistent participation.

The summer program will be the month of June. In July, we plan to have all staff coming for staff development and trainings on new curriculum to prepare for the coming school year. We also hope to expand the technology program since we will be back to in-person instruction.

No Action Needed

6. Discuss Superintendent to allocate distribution of 301 Funds

301 monies are distributed in the following: 20% (Raise in Salary); 40% (Bonus and Extra help in Classroom); & 40% (Direct Teacher Training, Bonuses, Insurance to employ teachers).

Districts have the option to decide how that money is distributed, instead of the state dictating how it is spent.

No Action Needed

7. Set up Next Board Meeting

Set tentatively for June 15, 2021 @ 1:30 PM

8. Call for Public Comment

No public comment.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Jack Penczar/second by Ms. Cathy Rex - The Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:21 PM.

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