ACADEMY ADVENTURES MIDTOWN SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

3025 N. Winstel Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

May 30, 2024 @ 11:30 AM Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:37 by Angela Towner Members Present: Angela Towner and James Gillespie Members Present telephonically: Carol Towner & Cathy Rex

Members Absent: Megan Mycek

Guests: John Penczar

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2023

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

Nay Votes - 0; Yay Votes: Angela Towner, Carol Towner, James Gillespie & Cathy Rex

3. Personnel Update

Mr. John Penczar, Superintendent, gave an update on personnel changes for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Mycek Gilbert has resigned and will not be returning. Ms. Rubi Miller was hired to help with NSLP, custodial work, cleaning and maintenance. Ms. Miller worked at Academy Adventures several years ago.

An Indeed ad was created to recruit a new teacher for Fall. So far we have received 8 applications and 5 interviews are set up.

No Board Action Needed

4. Board Member Resignation

Ms. Megan Mycek turned in a resignation letter to the Board. Since she is leaving the school, she will not longer be able to be a school representative.

Motion by Mr. James Gillespie/second by Ms. Carol Towner - The Board unanimously voted to accept the resignation letter from Ms. Mycek and remove her as a board member.

Nay Votes - 0; Yay Votes: Angela Towner, Carol Towner, James Gillespie & Cathy Rex

5. Summer School Program update

Mr. John Penczar, Superintendent, gave an update on the Summer School Program. We have 21 students registered, 5 are in Kindergarten. Summer School will run June 10-July 12, 2024. Having the Kindergarten participate will give them a 28 day HeadStart to the school year and get them ready for learning and adjusting to the new environment. It will also allow them to make friends and feel more comfortable.

Ms. Rex asked how many "interlopers" were enrolled this summer out of the 21 students. All students enrolled in summer school so far are enrolled for the Fall!

Ms. Rex asked when the last day of summer school was and the first day of the school year. July 12 will be the last day of summer school and July 31 is the first day of the new school year.

No Board Action Needed

6. Update on Renewal of Charter

Mr. John Penczar updated the Board on the Charter Renewal. Jack and Angela went to Phoenix for the May 13, 2024, Arizona Board for Charter Schools Board Meeting. The board unanimously voted to renew the charter for another 20 years!

This is the last year for the original charter. The new charter will begin July 1, 2025. This year will be a transition year for the school. More responsibilities will go to Angela and Jack will slowly step back. He will continue to be a part of the school, especially in the capacity of an adviser.

No Board Action Needed

7. Set Date/Time for next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be in July, after summer school. Sometime between July 12-31, 2024. A date is to be determined.

Motion by Ms. Cathy Rex/second by Ms. Carol Towner - The Board unanimously voted to set the next school board meeting in July between the 12th and the 31st.

Nay Votes - 0; Yay Votes: Angela Towner, Carol Towner, James Gillespie & Cathy Rex

11. Call for Public Comment

No Public Comment

9. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Angela Towner/second by Ms. Carol Towner - The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 AM

Nay Votes - 0; Yay Votes: Angela Towner, Carol Towner, James Gillespie & Cathy Rex