

# Academy Adventures Midtown School Governing Board Meeting Minutes

3025 N. Winstel Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

August 1, 2019 – 12:15 PM

## 1. Call to Order, Role Call

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 PM by Jack Penczar  
Members Present: John T. Penczar, Cathy Rex, Carol Towner  
Member Absent: Nikki Pitman  
Public: Angela Towner, Patricia Campbell, Earl Doran, David DeConcini & Gary Best

## 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2019

***Motion by Ms. Carol Towner/second by Mr. Jack Penczar - The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes.***

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

## 3. Status on Federal Programs

We had a federal audit for FY18 and found some double billing to Title II and \$40 charge to Title I that should not have been. When all was said and done, we owed the state a total of \$275.46 in reimbursement.

This year, we are receiving less in Title Funds (Title I, Title II and Title IV-A). We will continue our Healthy Snack program, as the state really likes what we are doing with our Title IV-A funds. For Title I, we will be doing a Push-In program (Interventionists work inside the classroom) instead of a Push-Out program (pulling small groups of 1-3 students out of the room) like previous years.

***No Action Needed***

## 4. Enrollment and Staffing Update

**Enrollment:** We are at 36.5 FTE. K;6, 1<sup>st</sup>: 8, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 8, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 8, 4<sup>th</sup>: 8 and 5<sup>th</sup>: 4 Due to low enrollment we have 3 combination classes: K/1, 2/3 and 4/5. The enrollment does not have any impact on our School Improvement Plan. That is only based on Letter Score and Testing Scores. It is a three-year program.

Ms. Rex asked why enrollment is down. We lost all our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders since we do not have a 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Many of those 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had younger siblings and parents wanted them to all be in the same school for convenience. We had some families move. It is a transient area, so it isn't necessarily unexpected.

We are planning several different events throughout the year to get families more involved and hopefully they will recommend the school. Board members requested a calendar of the events so they try to attend when schedules allow. In addition, Ms. Rex suggested that we provide information about the school that they can share with community members or have a place specifically on the website where they can direct possible donors.

**Staffing:** All of the teachers of record are new this year. We have Mrs. Gilbert in Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Poling in 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Record in 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. We have Miss Tiffany returning from last year and she is a Parapro in Kinder/1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Alexis is new and she will float between 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, in addition to help with breakfast, lunch and monitoring.

In addition, we hired Mr. Fox who will teach Music, Art and PE. His plan is to incorporate what is being taught in the classroom into his lessons. He will also do some Title IV-A health lessons talking to the students about nutrition. Studies have shown that students who participate in music have better reading and comprehension. Mr. Fox will be teaching the students about the scales and help build their reading skills through music.

***No Action Needed***

**5. Executive Session - cancelled**

**6. Future Board Meetings**

Ms. Cathy Rex suggested that we have at least one joint annual meeting with the Ed Ahead Board, maybe at the beginning of the school year. In addition, combine Board meetings when the agendas are the same.

***Motion by Ms. Cathy/second by Ms. Carol Towner - The Board unanimously voted to have annual joint Board meetings with Ed Ahead at least once a year, as well as anytime the agendas are the same.***

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

**7. Set up Next Board Meeting**

Next meeting is to be determined. Suggested to have it sometime during September.

**8. Call for Public Comment**

No public comment.

**9. Adjournment**

***Motion by Mr. Jack Penczar/second by Ms. Carol Towner - The Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:00 PM.***

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