

**Academy Adventures Midtown
School Governing Board
Meeting Minutes**

3025 N. Winstel Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

Meeting conducted via Zoom

June 12, 2020 @ 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order, Role Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 PM by Cathy Rex

Members Present: John T. Penczar (via phone), Cathy Rex (present via Zoom), Carol Towner (present via Zoom)

Member Absent: Nikki Pitman

Public: Angela Towner, Earl Doran (Telephonically), David DeConcini, Gary Best & Patricia Campbell (all present via Zoom)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2020

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

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

1) Review, Discuss and Approval of Arizona State Board for Charter Schools Consent Agreement

Board Members were provided a copy of the Consent Agreement to review prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Penczar reviewed the Consent Agreement with the Board and explained that it is similar to the one we have had, but due to Covid-19 and the fact that there was no state testing FY20, there was some updates to the consent form saying that we will continue to be a failing school for FY21 and we have to have three (3) years of passing State Testing scores to no longer be a failing school.

In addition, if there is no State Testing in FY21, then it would be another three (3) year requirement.

Motion by Ms. Carol Towner/second by Ms. Cathy Rex - The Board unanimously voted to approve the Superintendent to sign the Consent Agreement by the deadline stated in the agreement and to work with the Charter Board for further clarification.

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

3. Review, Discuss and Approval of Plan for School Start-Up August

Mrs. Campbell, Principal, gave the Board a review of the plans for school start up in August:

ADE released the Roadmap to Reopening the beginning of June. We are looking at all three (3) options: In the Building, Distance Learning or a hybrid.

A survey was sent out to all parents and the majority of the parents want their child to attend school in the building in August. There are a few parents who only want Distance Learning and a few parents who would like a combo of the two. We are looking into how to accommodate the two families that do not want their children in the school building. If we have to go to Distance Learning, we will seek approval of the Board.

As of right now, Megan Gilbert (K-1) teacher will be returning and Lisa Record (2-3) teacher has resigned due to concerns with Covid-19. Mrs. Campbell (4-5) teacher is also returning. In addition, pending enrollment, Layla Montiel will be joining the staff to replace Lisa. Ms Montiel worked for Academy Adventures Midtown about 5 years ago, before moving out of town. Staff has some concerns regarding coming back and Covid-19, however, everyone is on board and have a say on how things are done. We have had no cases within our families that we have been alerted to.

Ms. Rex has been looking into ways that classrooms can be set up and how furniture, such as bookcases, can be used to help set up for social distancing. She has offered to walk through the building with Mrs. Campbell and provide suggestions. We need to start getting classrooms ready, as we would like to provide an opportunity for returning and new families to walk through the building prior to school starting to make sure everyone is comfortable with how it is set up. It is possible that at times outside spaces will be used by a classroom, but that will depend on weather, it is not going to be a solution for a permanent teaching space.

We are tentatively scheduled for school to start on August 6th. Depending on the process of setting up the classrooms and getting everything ready per the recommendations, we may have to postpone the start date. That will be decided by the beginning of July.

Currently we have 23 FTE confirmed and Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Angela, along with help from Mrs. Gilbert, are working on various options for recruiting.

Motion by Ms. Carol Towner/second by Mr. Jack Penczar - The Board unanimously voted to approve the reopening the school building in the Fall and give the Administration permission to do what is needed to ensure the health and safety of the students and staff.

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

4. Discuss and Approval of FY21 Proposed Budget - Rescheduled

The Proposed Budget for FY21 was not ready. The Board will reschedule that for the next Board Meeting.

5. Set up Next Board Meeting

No specific date was decided upon. The Board will try to meet by the end of June.

6. Call for Public Comment

No public comment.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Jack Penczar/second by Ms. Carol Towner - The Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:39 PM.

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