

# ACADEMY ADVENTURES MIDTOWN SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

3025 N. Winstel Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

April 25, 2024 @ 12:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

## 1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 by Cathy Rex  
Members Present: Angela Towner, Cathy Rex, Megan Mycek and James Gillespie  
Members Present telephonically: Carol Towner  
Guests: John Penczar

## 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2023

***Motion by Ms. Cathy Rex/second by Ms. Carol Towner - 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. Report on Student Progress

Mr. John Penczar, Superintendent, presented the Board with two handouts that showed the growth and proficiency of students in grades K-5. The handouts were reports from Renaissance Star, the benchmark assessment program used by the school. The growth was based on Benchmark 1 (August 2023) to Benchmark 3 (March 2024). The proficiency was based on the results from Benchmarks in FY23-FY24.

Early Learning Class (K-2) Student Growth Percentile Scores (SGP) were 88 for Reading and 55 for Math (Benchmark 1-3). Upper Learning Class (3-5) was 55 for Reading and 34 for Math. 40 is considered to be at grade level.

Ms. Megan Mycek, early elementary teacher, explained the scores and talked about the curriculum schedule. Students are being pulled individually several times a week to focus work on a more tailored instruction to help them reach their goals. This looks different for every child. There has been huge growth in the students. They are engaged and focused the entire day.

***No Board Action Needed***

## 4. Existing and Projected Enrollment

Ms. Angela Towner presented the Board with enrollment numbers, both current and projected. Currently there are 22 students enrolled, with an FTE of 19. This remained very stable the entire year. So far we have 25 students pre-enrolled for the Fall with an FTE of 22.5. The school continues to get calls and inquiries regarding enrollment for the Fall. Most students are returning and several of the new students pre-enrolled are siblings. The school anticipates reaching at least 30 before school begins at the end of July.

***No Board Action Needed***

## 7. Discussion and Approval Adding Child Care Facility that would be for 3 and 4 year old children

Mr. John Penczar talked to the Board about adding a 3- and 4-year-old program to the school next year. The idea behind this is to help bring more kids into the school program as they reach school age. This program will be through the Arizona Department of Health Services. This program would also take over the after-school program. Adding the 3-year-old and 4-year-old program, as well as the after school program, will help bring more revenue into the school.

The 3- and 4-year-old program will allow for up to 65 students based on the facility. These children will be located in the NorthWest classroom since it is self-contained with a bathroom and an outside exit.

**Questions from the Board:**

- Ms. Cathy Rex asked if we would be looking into getting grants and other programs. Mr. Penczar said at this time he was not sure.
- Ms. Carol Towner asked if the program would be full day. Mr. Penczar informed the Board that it would be the same hours as school.

**Motion by Ms. Carol Towner/second by Ms. Megan Mycek - The Board unanimously voted to approve the addition of a child care facility for children ages 3 and 4.**

*Nay Votes – 0; Yay Votes: Angela Towner, Carol Towner, James Gillespie, Megan Mycek & Cathy Rex*

**8. Information on Summer Program**

Board members were given the flyer for the summer program. The program will be covered using the eCivis grant. The summer program will run June 10-July 12, 2024. It will be open to all students in grades K-5, whether they are enrolled or not. The school has received good verbal response for participation, but the enrollment forms will go out next week.

**No Board Action Needed**

**9. Update on Charter Renewal**

Mr. Jack Penczar gave an update on the renewal of the charter. From what the school has received and been told, it is going well and “on track”. The next Arizona State Board for Charter Schools Board meeting will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> and we anticipate being there to answer any questions regarding the renewal that their Board may have, however we have not received any formal communication other than the final review was submitted.

The final review showed that we met in all but one area, which was Teacher Evaluation. Mr. Penczar, who is a certified evaluator, did not put a percentage in each area of the evaluation. This was not part off the law when he was trained a few years back. The purpose of the percentage is determined by state testing and how well the students met, which then helps determine pay raises.

**No Board Action Needed**

**10. Set Date/Time for next Meeting**

The Board will meet again the end of school on May 23, 2024, at 12:30 PM

**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 12:32 PM**

*Nay Votes – 0; Yay Votes: Angela Towner, Carol Towner, James Gillespie, Megan Mycek & Cathy Rex*