

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
July 12, 2021

10720 E. 22nd. Street, Tucson, AZ 85748 Room 202

- I. Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.
- II. Roll Call: Present:** Board Members, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. Mr. Ivan English, Kirsten Stephens, Mrs. Marolyn Pierson and Mrs. Wendi Allardice, HS Principal and Ms. Bennie Gemello, Business Manager and Ms. Holly Halstead, Marketing & Recruitment Director. Absent, Dr. George Sokol.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart led.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the corrected minutes for the board meeting held on June 7, 2021. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Ivan English moved and Mrs. Kirsten Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions: None**
- VII. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a.** Approval: Adopted Budget 2021-2022. Mr. Ivan English moved and Mrs. Kirsten Stephens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b.** Approval: Adoption Plan for School Opening 2021-2022. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Wendi Allardice provided a “Safe return to in Person Learning SY 21-22 document. Please see attached copy.
- VIII. Administrative Reports:**
 - a.** Board President, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr.
 - i. All Board members have been approved by the State Board of Charter Schools.
 - ii. Academy of Tucson Representatives: Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. and Mrs. Wendi Allardice.
 - iii. Approval: Addition of Mrs. Marolyn Pierson to the Board.
 - iv. Approval: Removal of Ms. Kathleen Friedman off the Board.

- b. Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice**
 - i. First priority is Safe Return to In-Person Learning and required compliance set forth by the Federal Government and the AZ Department of Education.
 - ii. AOT primary focus ensuring student learning and success. Mitigation measures may need to change based on parent needs/inpu, available vaccinations or change in community transmission. Our schools are dedicated to in-person student success.
 - iii. Elementary School: Current playground equipment replacement. Quotes are currently being collected. Sand is being added for safety. ESSER II Funds will be used to cover the recovery cost.
 - iv. Middle School: Current priority is filling the open science positions and creating student schedules.
 - v. High School: The new principal is working on getting acquainted with policies and procedures and beginning of year priorities.
 - vi. System Wide:
 - 1. Administration team is analyzing state testing data (as it becomes available) and prioritizing needs and achievement.
 - 2. Moving to a new Student Information System. Training has been on-going since January 2021.
 - 3. Admin team is updating any policies and procedures to be compliance with ADE Return to In-Person Learning requirements.
 - vii. Unfilled Positions:
 - 1. Special Education K-12 teacher/coordinator
 - 2. 7th /8th grade Science teacher
 - 3. 6th Grade Sciend/Social Studies teacher
 - 4. 4th Grade Teacher

- c. Business Manager, Ms. Bennie Gemello**
 - i. All bank reconciliations completed
 - ii. Current with accounts payable.
 - iii. Reimbursement Requests for IDEA Basic, Title I grant has been completed SY 2021.
 - iv. We are working on ESSER II grant application
 - v. The adopted budget will be uploaded 7/12/2021.
 - vi. Our actual enrollment numbers were uploaded to the state for Kinder through 5th Grade = 167 (Kinder @.5FTE), 6th through 8th Grade = 182, 9th through 12th Grade = 181 total 530. The projected population per site: K-5 – 195, 6-8 – 197 and 9-12 – 190. Total 582.

- d. Marketing & Recruitment Director, Ms. Holly Halstead**

- i. Ms. Holly Halstead and Mrs. Wendi Allardice will be attending the TCC Jobs Fair this weekend 7/17 & 7/18/21.
- ii. Made a presentation to the 8th graders at Da Vince Tree Academy regarding what the Academy has to offer. Through this meeting four or five of their students have applied to the Academy.
- iii. Creating a survey to parents and students, what the pros and cons about the Academy.
- iv. Inviting general public from other schools when the High School and Middle School have their yearly "Lynx" days.

IX. Consent Agenda: Expense Vouchers #12 and Payroll Vouchers #23 and #24. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, August 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

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Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved