

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
January 9, 2023

10720 E. 22nd. Street, Tucson, AZ 85748 Room 201
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- I. Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
- II. Roll Call: Present:** Board Members, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. Mr. Ivan English, Kirsten Stephens, Mrs. Marolyn Pierson and Dr. George Sokol. Mrs. Wendi Allardice, Superintendent, and Ms. Bennie Gemello, Business Manager, excused: Ms. Holly Halstead, Marketing & Recruitment. Guest: Mr. Willie Henry and Mrs. Yvonne
- 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 December 4, 2022. Mrs. Marolyn Pierson moved and Mrs. Kirsten Stephens 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 Dr. George Sokol seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions: None**
- VII. ACTION ITEMS: None**
- VIII. Administrative Reports:**
 - a. Board President, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr:** None
 - b. Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice**
 - 1. The State Board of Education granted our appeal and updated their information to include the Academy of Tucson Middle School as an A rated school. The staff is elated at the news and is committed to continue our success.
 - 2. Updates to our security system and internet systems took place over break to allow for less internet disruption by outside forces and weather..
 - 3. Our Open Houses at each campus have been scheduled. We will have one each month with the first one taking place Thursday, January 12th. We will also have a booth at the March Festival of Books hosted at the U of A. All of the open house events are in-person, but we will continue to have an online presence.

4. ADE (Arizona Department of Education) requires every school to have an Emergency Operation Procedure (EOP) plan. The plans at our 3 campuses have not been reviewed since full-time return of students and staff. We will be reviewing these plans and getting the required feedback from stakeholders starting in January. School Board feedback will be conducted at the February Board meeting.
5. Parent Hand Book is being updated. Online access is available.
6. Elementary School Required Kindergarten assessments will begin this month. The state has required every Kindergarten teacher and 3 staff members to be trained on administering the required assessment. Our after school clubs are highly attended at the elementary school and are scheduled to begin later this month.
7. High School: Student Council is actively planning Winter Formal to take place this month. "Lynx for a Day" is being planned for February 1st. This event prioritizes our middle school student who will be attending our high school in the fall.
8. Middle School: Mr. Willie Henry reported the activities that the Middle School has accomplished this first semester.
 1. Honor student goal was to increase membership to 90 and is at 85 to date.
 2. PAC has been a positive participation with the Fun Fest and Chili Cookoff as well as monitoring the Box top fundraiser and Book fair.
 3. Middle School Clubs – Every day of the week students have participated in the following clubs: STEM, Theater, Capoietta(martial arts), Jr. Civitan and Vocabulary.com.
 4. Mr. Henry expressed the pride throughout the Parents/ teachers/students in receiving the "A" rated for our Middle School. They will work to repeat for next year as well.

c. Business Manager, Ms. Bennie Gemello

1. All bank reconciliations completed
2. Current with accounts payable and accounts receivables.
3. Teacher performance pay was paid on our 12/15/22 payroll for the returning teachers who completed their Leadership Circle document.
4. All grants are active: Title I, Title II, ESSER II, ESSER III, IDEA Basic and National School Lunch Program.
5. Tax credit receipts are ongoing and receipts will be processed.
6. The population report as of 12/31/2022: Kinder through 5th Grades = 171/147 (Kinder @.5FTE), 6th through 8th Grades = 152, 9th through 12th Grades = 165 total 488/484.5

d. Marketing & Recruitment, Ms. Holly Halstead: Excused.

- IX. Consent Agenda:** Expense Vouchers #6 and Payroll Vouchers #11 and #12. Mr. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Board Remarks: Mrs. Kirsten Stephens's Rotary club donated dictionaries to our 3rd grade class and she read one of the thank you letters she received from them.

XI. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 6:17PM. The next meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

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Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved