PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

School Governing Board Meeting Agenda June 25, 2024

Notice of Regular Meeting: 9:15 AM

1477 W. Commerce Ct. Tucson, AZ 85746

General Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment

The Partnership Schools Governing Board welcomes public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the schools. Comments should be limited to three minutes per individual. At the conclusion of public comment, the Board members may respond to the comments made by the public to the Committee, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. Members of the Committee, however, may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during public comment unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. Finally, be advised that internal high school(s) and academy processes are available to students and employees for communication.

Reports:

Superintendents Reports

Enrollment/Recruitment

Finance Budgets: Presentation of the FY25 Budgets

Action Items:

- Motion to approve Minutes from the April 23, 2024, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.
- Motion to adopt the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for The Pima Partnership School (LEA Entity ID: 79959, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The)
- Motion to adopt the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for Pima Partnership Academy (LEA Entity ID: 89864, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy)
- Motion to adopt the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for Arizona Collegiate High School (LEA Entity ID: 90536, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Arizona Collegiate High School)

Announcements:

The next special meeting is proposed for July 9, 2024, 9:15a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

Adjournment:

Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2024, at COPE Community Services
1477 W. Commerce Ct. Tucson, AZ 85746

Members Present:

- Khalid Al-Maskari (Via Zoom)
- Daniella Hisey (Via Zoom)
- Joe Higgins (Via Zoom)
- Richard Paige (Via Zoom)

Staff Present:

- Ian Kidd, Superintendent (Via Zoom)
- Rod Cook, CEO (In person)

Guests Present:

- Clarissa Jimenez, COPE (In person)

General Matters:

1. **Call to Order**
   Ms. Hisey called the Partnership Schools Governing Board meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Public Comment**
   No public comments were made.

Reports

1. **Superintendent's Report**

   a. **Enrollment/Recruitment**
   Mr. Kidd reported to the Board stated enrollment and recruitment is something the schools are always working on. The Tucson high school had 45 students graduate and the Phoenix high school had 35-40 students graduate so they will need to be replaced. Phoenix is using a marketing company named Mas Vale to help with recruitment. Mr. Kidd informed Mr. Higgins he would like to meet with him about Tagline to re-establish the relationship with them.

   Mr. Kidd informed the Board there are 70 students enrolled so far in the Phoenix high school and should pick up by the 8th of July. There have been students who turned in re-enrollment paperwork to go back to the school. June is not the greatest month for recruitment but once the 4th of July passes it should pick up. There have been open houses, tours, and they are working on the website and marketing to increase enrollment at all the schools. Mr. Kidd reported to the Board there are 40 students online in Phoenix and Tucson does not have as many but will continue to do the online platform and in-person.

   Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the middle school is a struggle to get enrollments. Mr. Higgins stated a couple of years ago they talked about the Tucson Unified School District doing a better job at holding the at-risk children trend. Mr. Higgins asked Mr. Kidd what the trend is now, and what is he seeing in the market. Mr. Kidd informed the Board the public schools have thrown in the towel for keeping the top end of the at-risk students because they see the charter schools have pulled them to their schools. The public schools are now working on the bottom end students with their credit recovery and drop out recovery programs. Mr. Kidd stated the flow of students they used to get has slowed down because of these programs at the public

schools. It has been a struggle to get enrollments from the public schools because they don't want to lose their kids. The enrollments PPP schools are getting are the kids who fell behind because of attendance issues.

Mr. Kidd also reported to the Board the change in the funding structure has also affected them because before they used to get paid with enrollments on the books. Now, the structure with the Arizona Department of Education is they take the daily attendance so if a student isn't there, they do not get paid for them. As for the online portion of students that is calculated a bit differently to where you don't take attendance daily, but if the student is making progress that counts as them being there. We use Edgenuity program where one person monitors and keeps track of the students and their progress. This has cut costs but one place we do spend money on is the Chromebooks. Sometimes we get them back and they are not in good shape, and sometimes we don't get them back at all.

Mr. Higgins stated so the trends you are seeing is one the public schools are doing a better job at the credit recovery and drop out recovery to keep students. Another trend is the trade or technical schools like JTED, and the public schools are doing better because they can restructure costs. Mr. Higgins also stated that he looks at the demographics and birth rates, since there is a decline in the kindergarten age. Mr. Higgins looks at what those demographics look like in the next 10, 15, and 20 years. Those are the three big areas to look at when trying to get enrollments. Also, nationwide 10% or kids finishing middle school or in high school just aren't showing up to school. This could be a COVID hangover or just them not wanting to go to class in person. Then there is a discussion for truancy at that point. Maybe PPP schools are a solution to that with the hybrid option where kids can go online or go in person. Mr. Higgins also mentioned the vouchers are bringing homeschool families to private schools because before they couldn't afford it. Now, with the voucher's parents have those checks and schools are getting more enrollments like Salpointe. They currently have the biggest class they've had since they started, and St. Michaels is also getting enrollments. Once those schools max out maybe that can help PPP. The demographics are a bit different but maybe the PPP middle school could benefit from it.

Mr. Kidd stated that the middle school is the most difficult to grow. The location is not the best and most people will not put their middle schoolers on public transportation since the route to the school is not a traditional route either. Mr. Higgins stated it is something to think about that maybe PPP can be a vendor for schooling. Provide the online program and teachers to help if needed in person and charge maybe $4,000 a semester for those who want to be homeschooled. Mr. Kidd stated that is an idea and solution because things are changing when it comes to the online school. Mr. Higgins stated it is something to look into especially when looking at marketing strategies. Mr. Kidd informed the Board he had a meeting yesterday for marketing and wants to meet with Mr. Higgins to further the discussion. Mr. Kidd also informed the Board a few weeks ago the Charter Board looked at demographics for the state of Arizona and they have a low rate for school aged children. Mr. Higgins stated that he sees that but it is something that will affect the public schools first before the private schools.

b. Finance Budgets: Presentation of the FY25 Budgets

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the finance team have completed the proposed budgets for the next school year. The middle school has about 30 students enrolled and that was with 10 new students within the last two weeks. The budgets have a lower enrollment number than in the past, but with the new state forms it has added another 2% to the funding. Mr. Kidd reported there are some positions that were not filled for the middle school to save on expenses and some of the high school teachers will be covering classes like math and electives. If the enrollment numbers are higher than expected for the middle school then those open positions can be looked at for hiring someone.

1. Motion to approve minutes from the April 23, 2024, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the April 23, 2024, meeting.

Motion: Mr. Paige moved to approve the April 23, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Higgins seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Daniella Hisey: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **Motion to adopt the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for The Pima Partnership School (LEA Entity ID: 79959, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The).**
The Board reviewed the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for The Pima Partnership School (LEA Entity ID: 79959, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The).

Motion: Mr. Higgins moved to adopt the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for The Pima Partnership School (LEA Entity ID: 79959, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The). Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Daniella Hisey: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. **Motion to adopt the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for Pima Partnership Academy (LEA Entity ID: 89864, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy).**
The Board reviewed the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for Pima Partnership Academy (LEA Entity ID: 89864, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy).

Motion: Mr. Higgins moved to adopt the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for Pima Partnership Academy (LEA Entity ID: 89864, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy). Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Daniella Hisey: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. **Motion to adopt the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for Arizona Collegiate High School (LEA Entity ID: 90536, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Arizona Collegiate High School).**
The Board reviewed the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for Arizona Collegiate High School (LEA Entity ID: 90536, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Arizona Collegiate High School).

Motion: Mr. Al-Maskari moved to adopt the "Proposed" FY25 Annual Budget for Arizona Collegiate High School (LEA Entity ID: 90536, Pima Prevention Partnership dba Arizona Collegiate High School). Mr. Higgins seconded the motion.

Vote:

Khalid Al-Maskari: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Daniella Hisey: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements

1. **Next Meeting**
   The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

Adjournment

1. **Motion:** Mr. Al-Maskari moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Paige seconded the motion.
   The School Board meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.