PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

# School Governing Board Meeting Agenda January 28, 2025

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

Grants

Infrastructure

## Action Items:

- Motion to approve Minutes from the November 19, 2024, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.

## Announcements:

The next regular meeting is proposed for February 25, 2024, 9:15a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

## Adjournment:

**Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting Minutes**
**January 28, 2025, at COPE Community Services**
**1477 W. Commerce Ct. Tucson, AZ 85746**

**Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

- Clarissa Jimenez, COPE (In person)

**General Matters:**

1. **Call to Order**
   Mr. Al-Maskari called the Partnership Schools Governing Board meeting to order at 9:16 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. **Five-year Renewal**
   Mr. Kidd reported to the Board Arizona Collegiate High School (ACHS) is going through their 5-year renewal where they go to the school unannounced to make sure we are compliant with everything. This includes the curriculum we use and the fingerprint clearance cards. Mr. Kidd reminded the Board to keep their fingerprint clearance cards up to date because for this renewal process that is something they must upload for all Board members. The school passed its first visit, and the next one will be over zoom with somewhat of a timeline of when it is to happen.

   b. **Accreditation Process**
   Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that the two high schools are going through an accreditation process. The next meeting for this will be February 7th where the accreditation team will interview groups of parents, teachers, admin staff and one board member. If one board member has any availability that day to let Mr. Kidd know so they can lock down an hour time frame to be interviewed by the accreditation company. This accreditation process ensures that other high schools will accept our high schools' credits. They look over the curriculum, policy and procedures to make sure it is good for the other schools to accept students with credit from the two high schools. Mr. Kidd stated he brought it up to the Charter Board as to why charter schools need to pay for this process when they already have a license to be a school.

   Ms. Hisey asked if this accreditation process has been done before or if this is the first time. Mr. Kidd stated the accreditation process was done 6 years ago and it was done as a whole corporation for PPP, but this time they are only doing it as a school

district. The accreditation process only pertains to the two high schools, so there was no need to do this process as a corporation. This process again is mainly to see what the policy and procedures are along with how the board of directors' recruits and such. Mr. Kidd then asked Mr. Higgins if he goes through this accreditation process as well. Mr. Higgins stated he does not have to since his schools are only K-8 schools, but Salpointe does this process every 5 years as well. That main focus is to see what the 5 year plan is for the school. Mr. Higgins asked Mr. Kidd if a 5-year plan has been made for this process. Mr. Kidd informed the Board he is completing the 5-year plan and it is very generic but it reflects what curriculum is used and the policies and procedures for the schools.

**c. Enrollment/Recruitment**

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board they have changed the recruitment process to in-house, working closely with the marketing department within COPE. Mr. Kidd stated he spoke with Mr. Cook and Ms. Specio-Boyer to come up with a 6-month-to-1 year plan for recruitment. The school's website has been updated for compliance measures for the Charter Board. Mr. Kidd stated he had to write a small biography for the website for each board member and gathered information from LinkedIn, if they could all check it and make any changes needed.

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board the enrollment numbers for each school with 43 students for the middle school, 109 students for Pima Partnership High School, and 127 for ACHS. The two high schools had a dip in their enrollment due to students graduating in December. Mr. Kidd informed the Board the high schools are going to look at the structure of the freshman and sophomore classes so they are not so accelerated to where students graduate early. There has been data that Mr. Kidd has seen that the kids that were doing school from home during COVID, their math skills are low. The schools used to do a whole year of math when there was AIMS testing without the acceleration. Mr. Kidd stated that it is something that they will go back to for taking math a whole year since there has also been feedback from parents not wanting their kids to graduate in 3 years. There is still online credit recovery for seniors but there is also data that those students are not doing well online. Mr. Kidd informed the board that more students are going back in-person, but they will keep the online credit recovery as an option still.

**d. Finance and Grants**

Mr. Kidd reported all federal grants are on a hold as of yesterday from an executive order from the president. This should not affect the PPP schools since they do not have a lot of grants right now and the ones they do have are the school safety and the school improvement ones. This will not immediately impact on the schools, and Mr. Kidd thinks it will all be sorted out before we make the next reimbursements.

Mr. Kidd also reported to the Board that there is one quarterly finance report that needs to be submitted to the Charter Board but once that is completed it should be the last one that we will have to do.

**e. Infrastructure**

Mr. Kidd reported there has been some negotiating with the lease owners for the ACHS building in Phoenix. The owners have agreed to replace carpets, paint and fix some lights, and redo the A/C in the building before renewing the lease.

1. **Motion to approve minutes from the November 19, 2024, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.**
The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the November 19, 2024, meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Higgins moved to approve the November 19, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Paige seconded the motion.

Vote:

Daniella Hisey: Affirmative
Joe Higgins: Affirmative
Richard Paige: Affirmative

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Announcements**

1. **Next Meeting**
   The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

**Adjournment**

1. **Motion:** Mr. Paige moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Higgins seconded the motion.
   The School Board meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.