Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2026, 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)

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

- Clarissa Jimenez, COPE (Via Zoom)

General Matters:

1. **Call to Order**
   Ms. Hisey called the Partnership Schools Governing Board meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

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

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

Reports

a. **Superintendent's Report**

   a. **Enrollment/Recruitment**
   Mr. Kidd reported to the Board enrollment for Pima Partnership Academy (PPA) is at 28 students and Pima Partnership High School (PPHS) is at 140 students. Mr. Kidd reported that PPHS has looked at data for social media and stated there was not a good presence online and the creation of content needs to be better. Mr. Kidd and Mr. Cook have thought of getting the students involved by having a social media class and having them help with the social media presence and content on platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat. Mr. Kidd stated the schools get a lot of referrals from students past and present. There are some staff currently helping with the social media posts, but they aren't on social media platforms like TikTok and Instagram, they mostly use Facebook which is for an older crowd. Mr. Kidd reported they have posted a job for a social media person, but Mr. Kidd did speak with a friend that works at the University of Arizona in marketing, and she was going to see if any students need a job or an internship to help.

   b. **Academics**
   Mr. Kidd reported to the Board that PPHS has a b rating and one initiative they need to improve or implement is how the benchmark data is an indicator on how well the students will do on state testing. Mr. Kidd also reported that the accreditation and the 5-year plan show the school needs to do surveys with the students, staff, and parents. The parent engagement is harder to get and when he sent out the parent surveys via email and left voicemails out of the 140 students parents, they only received 4 completed surveys.

c. Strategic Plan

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board as part of the accreditation process the high school needs to review and update the 5-year plan and see if meeting any of the sections in the plan. This is something Cognia needs from the school and wants the plan to be presented to the School Board, staff and Mr. Cook to get feedback and see if anything needs to be addressed. Mr. Kidd stated this 5-year plan will be brought back to the Board later to be voted on again.

Mr. Higgins informed Mr. Kidd that his schools are selling their Mesa campus and his real estate agent in the charter space has said the waitlists for charter schools have been evaporated in all various networks because of the vouchers and demographics, he just wanted to give Mr. Kidd a warning. Mr. Kidd stated they have already seen that happening and the changes have been noticed with the vouchers. More of the vouchers go to private schools and all the changes have been felt. The school aged kids in Arizona have gone down as well.

Mr. Kidd reported to the Board on all the sections of the 5-year strategic plan.

Section III – Core values, student involvement and parent engagement: The hard portion of that is the parent engagement.

Section IV – Strategic Priorities & Goals: The graduation rate needs to be above a 67% and ours is at 70%. Competitors around town are around 30's and 40's. There is a lot of pressure from Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to stay above the 67% to stay out of the school improvement but they aren't giving additional resources to help unless you are enrolled in school improvement grant. Attendance is a huge part because our population don't go to school on a regular basis. It is tough on the teachers too because when the kids miss so much school and when they return, they go to the teachers to ask for make-up work or how they can get back on track, which makes a lot more work for the teachers and stressful when so many kids do it.

Section V – Curriculum & Instruction & Student Growth: Mr. Kidd reported they are trying to improve the curriculum and focus on real world engagement to make it more engaging for the students. For example, not being on just the computers but real-world issues. This generation does a lot worse than previous generations academically. The professional development portion there are surveys and onboarding processes for staff if they join midyear, that is something we planned to do but did not get it fully developed so that will continue to be worked on. The Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) there is not much of a priority from the State and Federal government if SEL is on documents it will get kicked back from the ADE. That is one change we need to make with the wording. The enrollment and financial sustainability, the key to the business model is making sure the schools are physically sound. The climate and culture the surveys are being conducted.

Section VI – Strengths & Opportunities: To increase enrollment, partnerships and attendance.

Section VII – Financial Strategy: to increase enrollment and build partnerships.

On the timeline of the 5-year strategic plan there are areas that have been successful and some others that haven't been successful. When Mr. Kidd brings this document back to the Board it will probably be in a different order and if there is any feedback that will go into it as well. Mr. Kidd asked if anyone had any feedback or questions. Mr. Higgins stated all ideas and points discussed are all on point and asked if when brought back to the Board it will have to be voted on again. Mr. Kidd stated yes, this was to have an open discussion and get feedback. Ms. Hisey stated it is very thorough and seems all points are on track.

1. Motion to approve minutes from the January 27, 2025, Partnership Schools Governing Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the January 27, 2025, meeting.

Motion: Mr. Higgins moved to approve the January 27, 2025, minutes as presented. Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **Motion to approve the Students Rights and Responsibilities for SY 26-27.**
The Board reviewed the Students Rights and Responsibilities for SY 26-27. Mr. Kidd reported to the Board they added a laser as a weapon and that was the only change.

Motion: Mr. Higgins moved to approve the Students Rights and Responsibilities for SY 26-27. Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. **Motion to approve SY 26-27 Calendars for Pima Partnership Academy, LEA Entity ID: 89864 (Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy), and Pima Partnership High School, LEA Entity ID: 79959 (Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The).**
The Board reviewed the calendars for PPA and PPHS. Mr. Kidd stated that the calendar is 180 school days but next year Easter comes early and they usually have a 4-day weekend but since it will be a week after Spring break they will only keep the Monday off after Easter then will have another 3-day weekend in April to give students and staff a break after finals.

Motion: Mr. Al-Maskari moved to approve the Calendars for Pima Partnership Academy, LEA Entity ID: 89864 (Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership Academy), and Pima Partnership High School, LEA Entity ID: 79959 (Pima Prevention Partnership dba Pima Partnership School, The). Mr. Higgins seconded the motion.

Vote:

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

The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements

1. **Next Meeting**
The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. at COPE Community Services, Inc. 1477 W. Commerce Court, Tucson, AZ 85746.

Adjournment

1. **Motion:** Mr. Higgins moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Al-Maskari seconded the motion. The School Board meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.