

1/10/2019

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Dr. April Willis called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
Dr. April Willis	Board Chair	✓			
Alyssa Moore	Parliamentarian	✓			
Natalie Elliott	Secretary	✓			
Jesus Aguilar	Secondary Teacher	✓			
Matt Embry	Secondary Parent	✓			
Donida Garcia	Elementary Teacher	✓			
Chris Juraska	Elementary Teacher	✓			
Dr. David Molina	Community member	✓			
George Gentile	Community member	✓			
Kari Honea	Elementary Parent	✓			
Amy Adams	Secondary Parent	✓			
Priscilla Cavazos	Elementary Parent	✓			
Sruti Ramachandran	Student Rep (non-voting)		✓		
Kathleen Zimmermann	Executive Director	✓			
Joey Thompson	Director of Operations	✓			
Julie Atchley	Director of Federal Programs		✓		
Curtis Wilson	Secondary Principal	✓			
Terry Berkenhoff	Elementary Principal	✓			
Hweilu Chen	Director of Finance	✓			
Amy Elms	Community Outreach	✓			✓
Megan Podd	Secondary Asst. Prin.			✓ 6:17	✓
Marcos Diaz	Human Resources	✓			
Samantha Gladwell	High Reliability Schools & Grant Coordinator	✓			
Martha Jedinak	504 Coordinator	✓			✓

Other Business/Public Comment

The agenda for the evening was discussed. Kathleen Zimmerman struck item 3. b. Dr. Willis invited a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. David Molina made the motion, Priscilla Cavazos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed and voted on the minutes from the December 13, 2018 meeting.

Community Outreach representative Amy Elms presented on the Amplify Austin campaign to raise money for more acquisition of Chromebooks. She is setting the goal to raise \$12,000.00 in twenty-four hours.

New Business

Joey Thompson presented policy 100.080 as regards federal fiscal policies. There are no changes recommended at this time. Dr. David Molina motioned to accept the policy. Amy Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Zimmermann presented the addition of the Stay Away Agreement to the NYOS Code of Conduct per a recent incident. Dr. David Molina motioned to approve the policy change. Alyssa Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board looked at calendar drafts for the 2019-2020 school calendar. There is no vote on this today. One version presents the final day of school before Memorial Day but also a state testing day. The second version presents a later start schedule. The Board will vote on the 2019-2020 calendar at the next meeting.

Samantha Gladwell presented the EL and TELPAS student performance report on behalf of the Assistant Principal Jenna Tintera. She discussed the EL instructional policies, student populations on each campus, and the percentages of the EL population who are rated as Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, and Advanced High per grade level. She also addressed invention models and plans for improvement to assist EL students.

Secondary Assistant Principal Megan Podd and 504 Coordinator Marty Jedinak presented the EL and TELPAS student performance report from the Secondary campus. She shared the assessment data per grade level from TELPAS as well as STAAR end-of-course exams. She described intervention programs currently in place and ongoing initiatives on campus.

Kathleen Zimmermann presented the 2017-2018 Texas Academic Performance Report for the district. She walked the Board through the data breakdown.

Kathleen then presented on the District Improvement Plan. She explained each of the six goals pertaining to student achievement, recruitment efforts, safe and secure environments, achieving high standards for operational and financial health, sustaining operational elements for the instructional programs, and pursuing property development. Specifically she updated the Board on the progress for each objective under the goals.

Elementary Principal Terry Berkenhoff presented on the progress for the Campus Improvement Plan. She discussed the progress on objectives for each of the two goals, one pertaining to students meeting or exceeding state achievement standards, the other to increase stakeholder satisfaction through continuous improvement of school processes, communication, and parent involvement. Mrs. Berkenhoff updated on a variety of ongoing initiatives that allow staff to constantly work towards the objectives including book studies, parent involvement nights, and professional development to achieve Marzano High Reliability Schools Level 5 distinction.

Secondary Principal Curtis Wilson presented on the progress for the Campus Improvement Plan. The goals pertain to ensuring that all students meeting or exceeding state student achievement standards, including a focus on improving STAAR Reading Assessments for EL/MLL students. The second goal pertains to developing and improving programs that prepare students for college, career, or military readiness. He reported on successes regarding professional development focusing on EL/MLL literacy interventions and strategies. He also shared that there have been great gains made on seniors taking college entrance exams (all but two), and consultants who met with students to interpret PSAT score data. Areas of improvement include embedding the College & Career Competency Framework in instruction.

Kathleen Zimmermann presented the Board with an update, discussing the upcoming Charter School lobbying days on February 5th and 6th. She discussed our federal report card which showed that NYOS met targets. She will share more updates from the strategic growth initiative soon.

Committees

Enrollment is down, there were seven withdrawals. Attendance is at or above 95% across the board. Cash flow is stable.

Amy Adams led the Board Development monthly training. She discussed two periodicals recommended by Dr. Brian Carpenter as resources for talking points and trends in education.

Dr. Willis reminded the Board about the training on February 20, 2019.

Alyssa Moore presented the Property Development Committee update. Kathleen has received the contract from the architecture firm HKS. There are some small revisions that need to be finalized with the school's attorney before the contract is finalized. HKS will soon begin their Design Discovery Charrettes, in order to learn more about the school community. Kathleen and the committee members will visit Austin Achieve which has a building designed by HKS. There is work with the strategic growth plan to account for the influx of new hires. Additionally, Kathleen will be attending a pitch meeting for funding in San Antonio later this month. The Charter Schools Growth Fund has decreased our grant amount by 20-25%. Kathleen mentioned that we will still receive the \$500,000 initially promised, but the amount has decreased as we are not technically replicating our school model. Kathleen invited Board members to participate in the HKS interview on January 16th from 2:15-3:15 PM at the Lamar Campus.

Other Business

Agenda items for the February Board meeting were discussed. The December minutes as amended will be voted on again. Dr. Molina mentioned the Academic Oversight Committee will be up for consideration. The school calendar will be voted on. There will also be a policy amendment for consideration.

Adjournment time: 7:58 PM

Natalie Elliott
Secretary