

Meeting Minutes for Desert Heights Charter Schools

Governing Board Meeting

March 10, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Desert Heights Preparatory Academy

3540 W Union Hills Drive

Glendale, Arizona 85308

Call to Order @ 5:10 p.m.

Tony Elliott – present

Manuel Robles – present

Judie Kupillas - present

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

- Approval of meeting minutes from 12/16/2014 (approved)
- Approval of meeting minutes from 12/23/2014 (approved)

Accounting and Finance Report

- Accounting and finance report shows a “profit” position, but excess funds are earmarked for other expenses.

Marketing Committee Report

- Fundraising will be necessary in the future for items that we will be unable to purchase as a result of budget cuts.

President’s Report

- Because of the state budget cuts, charter schools will be implicated by a \$3 million deficit.
- The state is looking at its antiquated system of paying schools and changes may be made that would result in a deficit amount of funding.
- There’s a currently a bill in the legislature that would change all schools’ calendars to start school after labor day and end in June in order to conserve energy costs
- There’s a currently a bill in the legislature to repeal the common core standards and the AZ Merit.
- We currently have 793 students currently enrolled.

Chairman's Report

- Money from the state goes into a Trustee account, and funds are transferred into the bond account first before being transferred to the school for operating expenses (exception: title funding and grants, which are reimbursed).
- Conference call occurred today with Dick Ward to discuss suspending the operating reserve requirement in order to gain more cash flow for operations.
- Construction Update: all of our construction is fully funded. There's one minor permitting fee for a fire hydrant.
- Project finish date for the two-story classroom building is May 25.
- The gym will be outfitted for volleyball.

Agenda Items

1. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding update to local wellness policy.
 - a. **Motion to approve local wellness policy (Tony/Judie) [unanimous]**
2. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of School Calendar (PreSchool) for FY 2015-2016.
 - a. **Motion to approve school calendar for preschool (Tony/Judie) [unanimous]**
3. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of School Calendar (Elementary) for FY 2015-2016.
 - a. **Motion to approve school calendar for elementary school (Tony/Judie) [unanimous]**
4. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of School Calendar (Prep) for FY 2015-2016.
 - a. **Motion to approve school calendar for preparatory academy (Tony/Judie) [unanimous]**
5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding amendment or approval of bond financing options with Dick Ward.
 - a. **Motion to approve (Tony/Judie) [unanimous]**
6. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of tax credit fees for the current school year.

Tabled until next meeting

Motion to Adjourn @ 6:39 p.m. (Tony/Judie)