

Agenda: Paideia Academies, Inc. Paideia Academy of South Phoenix

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2017

5:15 pm to 6:30 pm

Location:

7777 S. 15th Terrace

Phoenix, AZ 85042

Called to order at 5:15 pm.

The following members of the board were present:

Dr. Brian Winsor, Mrs. Fatima Martinez, Mitchell Davidson and Joanna De'shay, Mr. Benjamin Tietgen participated via telephone.

Board Member Absent: none

Present Guests: Joel Brice

- I. Opening Items
 - a. Verify quorum – 5 voting members present
 - b. Consent Agenda Items
 - Approval of February Minutes
 - Moved by Dr. Winsor
 - Second by Mrs. Martinez
- II. 2017-2018 Calendar approval

Discussion and review of 2017-2018 calendar by all board members. Changes pointed out specifically was the addition of new scholar orientation in July and parent/teacher conferences each quarter.
- III. Monthly Governing Board Financial Report

Joel Brice presented the financial report for February. Dr. Winsor included a report of the Title I cycle audit from the Department of Education. Ronna Krantzman received high praises and the report received an outstanding review. The auditors also asked Mrs. Krantzman if they could use Paideia's title I plan as an exemplar during state trainings.
- IV. Kindergarten Early Birthday Waiver

In the previous board meeting during public comment a parent from the preschool requested that the academy test his son – whose birthday is in December – to see if he was ready for entrance to Paideia's kindergarten. The board directed the topic to be reviewed and possibly voted on at the March meeting.

The members discussed the pro's and con's of early entrance but could not make a definitive decision. Some of the discussion items were:

 - i. Do we hold firmly to our written policy or no?
 - ii. If the test were given and the child passed it would follow that he should be admitted
 - iii. If we admit one beyond our cutoff of September it would open the door for others to request an exception
 - iv. If we don't make exceptions perhaps we will not fully serve the scholars who are advanced academically
 - v. Do we change or modify the policy?

The board decided to table the item in favor of further research. Dr. Winsor was directed to provide research on what other schools might do, best practices, short and long term repercussions of admitting a 4-year old to Kindergarten and other possible win/win options. The item will be on the April agenda.
- V. Adjournment

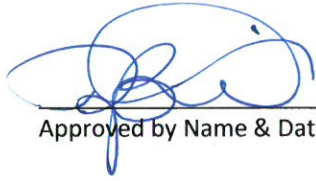
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There being no further business to be transacted, motion to adjourn by Mitchell Davidson second by Ben Tietgen and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned 6:35 pm.

Next board meeting set for 5:00 pm April 24, 2017 to be determined at 7777 S 15th Terrace Phoenix, AZ 85042



Approved by Name & Date

4/25/17

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