

GIRLS ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP SCHOOL (GALS) LAS VEGAS



Girls Athletic Leadership School Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date Held: 11/16/2020
Time Held: 6:03 – 6:36 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting held online (Zoom Link)

1. Call to order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jules Schoolmeester at 6:03 pm. Present were Jules Schoolmeester, Karen Vaughan, Gyna Castillo, Tara Meierkord and Rosiland Bivings. (Absent were Carmen Gilbert, Barbara Wiggins, and Lisa Windom)

Also present were non-voting participants, Jennifer McCloskey (Executive Director) and Krista Yarberry (Head of School).

2. For Action (Last Months Board Minutes)

Ms. Tara Meierkord made a motion to approve last month's minutes; Ms. Vaughan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Information (Facilities Update)

Ms. McCloskey explained we are still in negotiations with La Plaza, but she voiced concern that things are moving slowly. The board was informed that at this point, we are looking at a 50/50 chance of the lease going through. We do have backup possibilities with a church close to La Plaza or continuing with Boys & Girls Club. Ms. McCloskey set a deadline with LaPlaza for December 1st for a response to our new offer and December 31st for a signed lease deadline. That would give us time to work towards a new temporary location if necessary.

4. For Information (ED/HOS Reports)

Ms. McCloskey reported on COVID status. We have no cases at the school. Our COVID plan waiver was approved by SPCSA.

Our enrollment is at 97 with all our teachers back on campus. SPCSA has approved 40% on site attendance. Our school is at that percentage now. We asked for a 60% approval for onsite attendance and that was approved.

The SPED teaching vacancy has been filled.

The Parent Engagement activity is going well. The November 3 student parent share activity was a great success using Zoom. It did present some challenges, (a learning curve) but the entire activity was a success and will be even more successful next time.

Upcoming SPCSA Site evaluation is coming on November 18. Three board members will participate. Ms. Bivings, Ms. Gilbert and Ms. Vaughan will participate via Zoom.

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We will apply for another round of CSP Grant.

5. For Information (Contracts)

We have two new local partnerships for services for our families. Boys Town will be utilized for two of our families needed some social work help. This is a pilot program to work with our school. We will utilize McKinney Vento funds from the state to finance this program for our families in this group. The CARES Coalition is going to provide substance abuse training as part of a new collaboration with this non-profit.

6. For Information (Fundraising)

Ms. Gilbert will resend an email containing a fund-raising letter board member can use for fundraising pleas.

Junior League Grants are still pending. We should hear soon.

7. Information (Treasurer Report)

We are currently in the implementation of AptaFund, our new accounting system. We are successfully processing payroll and benefits using the system. We are working to rebuild July, August, September and October and trying to reconcile accounts by the end of the month and use it to record and report November. Financial statements will be provided as soon as they are available.

The bank balance is at \$250k, we just received another DSA (per pupil) payment of \$125k from the state. Just a reminder the balance includes 45k for the revolving loan and approximately 50k outstanding to Opportunity 180 that was advanced to us and is pending reimbursement.

Oppty 180 still has an outstanding balance of 78k, 65k of which is planned for the design and permitting of our new facility.

CSP will be fully expended in the next 2 months and is pending our accounting system implementation. There is about 40k remaining at this stage.

We were awarded 2 small federal grants administered through the state for about 20k. These will be expended over the next 6 months or so.

8. Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be December 21, 2020 at 6:00p.m. A teleconference will be available through Zoom Account. Social distancing and masks will be required if we are able to meet in person. If a lease agreement is reached, we may need to meet to approve the lease.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.