

Meeting Date Held: 1/19/2021

Time Held: 5:03 – 6:04 p.m.

Virtual Meeting held online (Zoom Link)

1. Call to order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jules Schoolmeester at 5:03 pm. Present were Jules Schoolmeester, Karen Vaughan, Gyna Castillo, Tara Meierkord, Carmen Gilbert, Lisa Windom, Barbara Wiggins and Rosiland Bivings.

Also present were non-voting participants, Jennifer McCloskey (Executive Director) and Krista Yarberry (Head of School). Also present was guest, Carrie Wagner (LA GALS).

2. For Action (Last Months Board Minutes)

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

3. Information (The GALS Annual Board Requirements)

ACTION NEEDED: Ms. McCloskey presented the GALS Annual Conflict of Interest Statement and Board Commitment forms need to be signed for the coming year. The Board commitment requirements were updated for this year to include 4 hours of training in board governance. This training needs to be done by March 31, 2021. Training videos and resources are found on the SCPCSA website under Board Governance at: https://charterschools.nv.gov/ForSchools/For_Schools/

Board members are also required to submit their fingerprints to determine that there is no criminal history. Any member found to have criminal activity must be removed from the board.

4. For Information and Action (GALS Lease Agreement)

Ms. Windom presented an update on the status of the lease with La Plaza. There are a few issues with the lease. We need to apply for a zone variance to have a school at this location. Ms. Windom and Ms. McCloskey will attend zoning meeting to attain the variance. This should not be a problem going forward.

The funding for the Charter School Funding guarantee will have to be changed. We will amend our budget to cover this expense.

We will be working on establishing outdoor recreational space and a plan for travel patterns for drop off and pick up.

Ms. McCloskey also told the board about an issue on funding minor repairs to the building and the percentage of utilities the school will owe each month.

Ms. Vaughan moved for approval of the La Plaza lease in its substantive form and directs Ms. McCloskey to resolve the items listed above. Ms. Bivings seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. For Information and Possible Action (GALS Discipline Policy)

Ms. Wiggins and Ms. Yarberry presented the GLS Disciplinary plan to the board. Our plan is in line with the Department of Education and Nevada state requirements. Ms. Vaughan moved for approval of the discipline plan. Ms. Castillo seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

6. Information (ED/HOS Reports)

Ms. McCloskey updated the board on COVID situation. We have anywhere from 25-30 students on site each day. We have had one case of a child with COVID, but the student has been totally online. Ms. McCloskey is arranging for staff to be vaccinated as soon as possible.

Ms. McCloskey updated the board on recruitment for next year. COVID-19 has made recruitment difficult. We will be utilizing purchased call lists of girls 10-12 who live around our school area. Ms. Wagner suggested we utilize parents to help with recruiting.

Ms. McCloskey updated the board on the Charter School Start Up Grant. The school will receive \$380,000 for next school year which is an increase from this year. The school has also received grants from NV Energy for a special education for \$15,000 (thanks to Ms. Schoolmeester); PETS award for \$10,000 for COVID relief and donations secured by Ms. Schoolmeester for \$5,000 and Ms. Windom for \$3,000.

Ms. Yarberry updated the board on our student's online performance. The combination of online and in person learning has been challenging but the staff has done an outstanding job. She wished to thank the staff for all the hard work. The January statistics are as follows:

MAPS - Math:

Gained more than 5 percentile points: (24) 27.30%

Maintained level: (50) 56.80%

Went down more than 5 percentile points: (14) 15.90%

MAPS - Reading:

Gained more than 5 percentile points: (34) 38.20%

Maintained level: (36) 40.50%

Went down more than 5 percentile points: (19) 21.30%

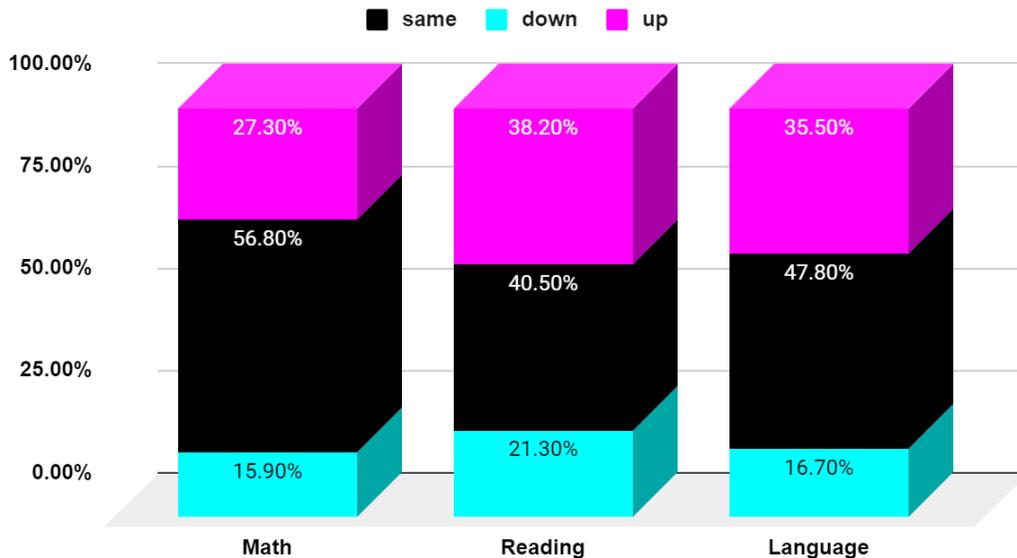
MAPS - Language:

Gained more than 5 percentile points: (32) 35.50%

Maintained level: (43) 47.80%

Went down more than 5 percentile points: (15) 16.70%

Math/Reading/Language Data



MobyMax Data (September-November 30) 3 month or less instruction

0-2 months - (16) 16.84%

3 months - (4) 4.21%

4-12 months - (55) 53.68%

1+ year - (15) 15.79%

2+ years - (7) 7.37%

3+ years - (2) 2.11%

79 = 83.16%

7. Information and Possible Action (Approval of School 2021-22 Calendar)

Mrs. Yarberry presented the proposed calendar for next year. Our calendar is aligned with CCSD with a few exceptions. Our teachers will come in a few days earlier than CCSD and we will have 2 early release dates for our teaches to go over data. Ms. Meierkord moved for approval of the 2021-22 calendar. Ms. Wiggins seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

8. Information (Financial Report)

Ms. Meierkord reported to the board that we are getting a new accounting system. Aplos, that will make our accounting much easier. The new app is functioning well. Thanks to Ms. McCloskey for helping to secure this new system.

The board reviewed the financial statements presented by Ms. Meirkord which were included in the board packet.

Our federal taxes for last year are completed.

Executive Director McCloskey is still working to build our new budget incorporating actuals to date.

9. Next Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will be held on February 16, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:00. This meeting will be held on Tuesday due to President's Day.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.