

# GIRLS ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP SCHOOL (GALS) LAS VEGAS



Meeting Date Held: 6/19/2021

Time Held: 6:09 – 7:15 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 6:09 pm. Present were Jules Schoolmeester, Karen Vaughan, Carmen Gilbert, , Barbara Wiggins, Patrica Farley, Gyna Castillo, Tara Meierkord, Greg Esposito and Rosiland Bivings. Absent was Lisa Windom.

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

For Action (Last Months Board Minutes)

Mr. Esposito made a motion to approve last month's minutes; Ms. Meierkod seconded the motion. The motion passed, unanimously.

## 2. For Information (GALS Safe Return to In-Person Instruction)

The board was presented the plan to return to In-Person learning. The plan is twofold. First the plan to return to safe in-person learning involves such things as safe mask update, cleaning of building, distancing in our classrooms and common areas. Also, we will offer a virtual choice to those students that present with medical documentation in accordance with guidance from NDE.

## 3. For Information and Action (GALS English Learner Policy)

The board was presented our plan for our English Learners. This plan has been developed to make sure our second language English speakers have every means available to help them with their ability to speak and use English successfully. Ms. Vaughan made a motion to approve the GALS English Learner Policy; Ms. Wiggins seconded the motion. The motion passed, unanimously.

## 4. For Information (ED/HOS Reports)

Ms. McCloskey reported that our Ribbon Cutting for the new building is set for August 6, 2021 at 2:30 P.M. The board is invited to attend. Mr. Esposito is working on getting elected officials to attend. Tours of the new building will be available. Families will arrive at 4:00 P.M. We should use this event to help with fundraising. Donation cards will be available for that day and commitments for future donations.

The new facility is proceeding well. We are still aiming at August 9<sup>th</sup> opening at the new building. The importance of this opening date was discussed. The backup plan to use Boys & Girls Club for a short time, if necessary, will be investigated by Ms. McCloskey.

We have applied for a new grant from First Foundation for \$28,000 for Special Education.

Our enrollment is progressing well. 85% of our students are returning. 8<sup>th</sup> grade is closed. We have 65 students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade registered. We still need 21 students for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We have 23 6<sup>th</sup> graders registered. We would like 32 more to be full in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. At this time, we do expect to have these numbers when school starts.

We are fully staffed for next year. However, we do need some support staff.

Our performance Data was presented to the board. Ms. Yarberry was very pleased with our data.

In Math:

- Total 6th growth\*:  $17/48 = 35.4\%$
- Total 7th growth\*:  $17/32 = 53.1\%$
- Total growth\*:  $34/80 = 42.5\%$ 
  - African American/Black:  $6/15 = 40\%$
  - Hispanic:  $23/51 = 45.1\%$
  - Asian:  $1 / 4 = 25\%$
  - Pacific Islander:  $1/1 = 100\%$
  - Multiple race:  $1 / 2 = 50\%$
  - ELL:  $5/13 = 38.5\%$
  - Prior ELL:  $13/29 = 44.8\%$
  - SPED:  $6/11 = 54.5\%$

In Reading:

- Total 6th growth\*:  $36/48 = 75\%$
- Total 7th growth\*:  $19/32 = 59.4\%$
- Total growth\*:  $55/80 = 68.8\%$ 
  - African American/Black:  $8/15 = 53.3\%$
  - Hispanic:  $38/51 = 74.5\%$
  - Asian:  $2 / 4 = 50\%$
  - Pacific Islander:  $0/1 = 0\%$
  - Multiple race:  $1 / 2 = 50\%$
  - ELL:  $10/13=76.9\%$
  - Prior ELL:  $17/24 = 70.8\%$
  - SPED:  $7/12 = 58.3\%$

In Language:

- Total 6th growth\*:  $29/48 = 60.4\%$
- Total 7th growth\*:  $18/32 = 56.3\%$
- Total 6th growth\*:  $47/80 = 58.8\%$ 
  - African American/Black:  $10/15 = 66.7\%$
  - Hispanic:  $29/51 = 56.9\%$
  - Asian:  $3 / 4 = 75\%$
  - Pacific Islander:  $0/1 = 0\%$
  - Multiple race:  $1 / 2 = 50\%$

- ELL: 7/13 = 53.8%
- Prior ELL: 13/28 = 46.4%
- SPED: 5/11 = 45.5%

Data based on students performing at the 40 percentile or below in the beginning of the school year. Percentage of students that met their growth goal with a positive margin of error.

ELA - Reading - 36/49 = 73.5%

ELA - Language - 24/40 = 60%

Math - 25/57 = 43.9%

#### 5. For Information (Board Member Reports)

Mr. Esposito reported that he is continuing to work to get more support from elected officials. Ms. Castillo reported to the board that the External Audit Committee is progressing well. Ms. Castillo outreach to churches will be getting help from a teacher at the school. We will hear more about this next meeting. Ms. Farley fundraising efforts are going forward. She is working with Leverage Consulting. She will have more information next board meeting.

#### 6. Information and Possible Action (New Bank )

The board was presented the advantages to changing our banking to First Foundation Bank. This institution offers a line of credit and training for our board members to help with fundraising. Mr. Esposito made a motion to approve the new banking plan; Ms. Farley seconded the motion. The motion passed, unanimously.

#### 7. Information (Treasurer's Report)

Ms. Meierkord reviewed the financial statement provided in board materials. Our incoming funding from the state for the new school year until Nov. 1 will be based on 96 student making things very tight until this time. Ms. Meierkord and Ms. McCloskey are reviewing the situation and monitoring closely. Our first internal audit had no findings.

#### 8. Information (Next Board Meeting)

Our next board meeting will be held on July 19, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:00. The meeting will be held at our new school location in person.

Board Retreat planning for training on fundraising and an introduction to Opportunity 180 are underway for Saturday, September 11 in the afternoon. Please hold the date.

#### 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Julie Schoolmeester, Board Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Karen Vaughan, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_