

## **GALS LV Board Meeting Minutes November 15, 2021**

Directors Present: Pattie Farley, Gyna Castillo, Greg Esposito, Carmen Gilbert, Barbara Wiggins, Jules Schoolmeester, and Karen Vaughn

Directors Absent: Rosliand Bivins, Lisa Windom, and Tara Meierkord

Guests: Angie Zobrak, Krista Yarberry, and Carrie Wagner

Chair Farley called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

### **Public comment**

No public comments were received.

### **October Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes from the October meeting. Director Schoolmeester moved to approve. Director Wiggins seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **Board Member Recruitment Update**

Nomination of Luis Aguilar will take place at the next meeting. He will serve as the Parent Representative Director. Henderson Chamber President Joe DiRaffaele is another potential candidate for nomination at the next meeting. Chair Farley will provide their resumes to the board prior to the next meeting.

### **GALS LV Restorative Justice**

Policy is ready for approval. Director Wiggins reported on the work that Krista Yarberry and she have done to ensure compliance. Director Schoolmeester moved to approve the policy. Director Castillo seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **GALS Enrollment/Lottery**

Policy is ready for approval. Krista Yarberry updated the board on the work Director Vaughn and she have done on the policy. Enrollment will open January 1, and anyone can apply online then. If a lottery is need, it will be on February 25, with families notified by February 28. This allows the policy to roll over year after year until the law changes. Director Schoolmeester moved to approve the enrollment policy. Director Wiggins seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **ED/HOS Report**

**COVID Update:** Studnets coming on and off quarantine due to exposure. Staff is starting to see COVID impacts due to financial and/or living arrangements with their families. For example, two students had to move out of state due to financial hardship.

**Facility update:** The landlord completed the necessary kitchen work as required by the Health Department. Staff is considering dropping phone jacks in the kitchen area. Since there is not an

intercom or bell system, we need to have phone access in all rooms. The Health Department is running behind on food service cards; staff are in the queue to receive their cards. Camera system was on back order, as of the meeting date, seven of the eight cameras have been received.

**Enrollment:** Currently 102. Two losses due to previously mentioned financial hardship issues. Actively recruiting.

**Staffing:** Math teacher resigned, there is a good lead on a math teacher. Hired for ELA position today, this candidate is expected to start in December.

**Academic Assessment/Performance Plan Update:** 95% of students are at level one proficiency in math and 89% are level on in English/language arts. Teachers are focused on bettering results. Last year, SBAC needed to be done in-person, so many opted out due to COVID. Angie Zobrak is working on school performance plan. A MAPS trainer has been out to help with goal setting and working on kids taking ownership of their learning.

**New partnerships:** *UNLV Women's Research Institute of Nevada*, which helps young women contemplate how they present themselves. They will do a workshop on first impressions that will also include a clothing drive. This is incorporated into the GALS Series. On April 22, the girls will have a field trip to UNLV. *Opportunity 180* will hold a Bully Prevention workshop on December 3 at 5pm at the school (offered in both English and Spanish).

Director Esposito asked if the UNLV Research Institute class could be offered as part of recruiting tool. Krista Yarberry had concerns about bringing in other girls (feasibility, liability, etc.). All directors agreed that promoting the event through the media would be a good recruitment tool.

#### **Time for contracts exceeding \$5,000**

Director Schoolmeester outlined the EdOps service agreement. Chair Farley added her support of the agreement. Director Schoolmeester moved to accept the agreement. Director Wiggins seconded. Passed unanimously. Director Schoolmeester will reach out to Director Meierkord to get the agreement excuted and have EdOps in place by December 1.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Chair Farley presented the report on Director Meierkord's behalf. Director Meierkord has a couple management questions to answer for the auditor, but there are no major issues.

#### **Fundraising Update**

First Foundation Bank gave a \$10,000 gift and a classroom will be named after it. Chair Farley is looking for additional classroom sponsors and perhaps a wall of supporters.

#### **Website Update**

Chair Farley has a gentleman willing to update the website for approximately \$3,000.

**Recruitment Update**

Remarkable Women Series will be used as an enrollment tool and a fundraiser. The series will be pushed on social media in the zip codes surrounding the school. Chair Farley and Director Esposito are working to partner with casino employees due to the proximity. Chair Farley is also considering modeling a competitive dance team after a school in Arizona that has successfully used it as an enrollment tool. A group called Hip Hop Entrepreneurship will offer instructional services pro bono for the rest of the school year.

**Second Public Comment**

No comments were received.

Director Schoolmeester moved to adjourn. Director Wiggins seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm by Chair Farley.