

**Minutes of the
New Visions Academy
Governing Board Meeting
For
April 10, 2014**

Members Present:

- Ann Shaw
- Leonard Bustos
- Leisa Crosby (via telephone)
- Jessy Jenkins (via telephone)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Shaw called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH MEETING DEFERRED.

Ms. Shaw said the review of the board minutes for the March meeting is postponed until next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

3. STATUS REVIEW-

- A. The transfer of sponsorship contract with the Charter Board has been signed and submitted for counter-signature.**

Ms. Shaw stated that she had, in fact, received the signed contract from ASBCS earlier in the day.

- B. Classroom observation evaluations will be returned for review.**

Ms. Shaw said that almost all classroom observations have been completed and evaluations will be returned for review by the staff.

NEW BUSINESS

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FY14 REVISED BUDGET.

Ms. Shaw said that the revised budget reflects the loss of nearly a third of the expected revenue for the year. This makes sense since the FY14 adopted budget was based on 75 students and we have had more like 55 students.

The board reviewed the FY14 revised budget. There were no questions.

Mr. Bustos made a motion to approve.

Ms. Crosby seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. THE CHARTER RENEWAL APPLICATION ALONG WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS BEING PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION APRIL 18TH.

A. Demonstration of Sufficient Progress is required.

Ms. Shaw said that the demonstration of sufficient progress was a compilation of the comparison of AIMS results from Spring '13 to Fall '13 along with the DSP that was prepared last fall. It also included commentary from the teachers which she thought was excellent. They explained areas in which the students and the school in general are showing improvement.

6. SPRING AIMS AND STANDFORD 10 MATERIALS ARE BEING READIED FOR RETURN ON APRIL 17TH.

A. The first AIMS reports will be available May 15th.

When asked by Ms. Crosby, Ms. Shaw clarified that reports for Reading and Writing would be available online April 15th.

7. THE COTTONWOOD SITE IS SCHEDULED FOR A SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT VISIT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16TH.

Ms. Shaw said that Jan Pender and Devon Isherwood would be meeting with her and conducting classroom observations on April 16th.

8. BLENDED LEARNING GRANTS ARE DUE APRIL 15TH.

Ms. Shaw said that she is preparing grants valued at \$10,000 per school for each of the two sites in order to obtain funds to connect A+ curriculum as a web-based program and add three new math courses to the existing curriculum.

9. DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS FOR NEXT YEAR AND STRATEGIES TO KEEP SCHOOLS GOING.

Ms. Shaw said that ADI prepared proposed budgets for 2014-15 school year. It has been determined that St. Johns needs 20 kids to support three full time teachers.

Ms. Crosby said that 15 would be the most they would have.

The budget prepared for the Cottonwood site was based on 45 students which the school has not had this entire year and showed a deficit of \$25,000 by year's end. It is evident that cuts have to be made and more students need to be recruited if we are going to be able to operate on a sound fiscal basis next year.

Ms. Shaw said that further discussion of where to cut expenses will take place at the next board meeting.

10. REVENUES RECEIVED: FUNDS ARE SERIOUSLY SHORT.

TYPE OF REVENUE	AMOUNT	DATE RECEIVED
AZ State Equalization (M&O)	\$33,663.17	4-1-14
Classroom Site Fund- 301 Money	\$2463.19	3-27-14
Title I	\$10,172.40	3-18-14
IRS - health care credit	\$876.03	3-19-14
IDEA Basic	\$2143.95	3-25-14

**Loan Debt is currently at about: \$35,381.96
(Home Equity LOC \$10,424.36; Wells Fargo \$24,957.60)
Unmet obligations: FundEd- \$2000; John Layman- \$8146.28; Klecka Wilkins & Klecka- \$4250, ADI - \$6805.85**

- A. Current bank balance is at about \$16,000.
Depleted all grant funds.**

Ms. Shaw went through the list of revenues for the month of March as well as loan debt and unmet obligations.

Ms. Shaw that the next payroll will be a half payroll, amounting to about \$10,000. She will have about \$6000 to pay bills. She will receive a small amount of 301 money but she expects to be out of money after the next payroll goes through.

11. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH VOUCHERS.

- 3-20-14 Accounts Payable- \$702.37
- 3-20-14 Payroll- ½- \$9814.63
- 3-24-14 Accounts Payable- \$350.00
- 3-26-14 Accounts Payable- \$ 9770.76
- 4-2-14 Payroll- ½- \$11,001.67
- 4-4-14 Accounts Payable- \$1200.00
- 4-8-14 Accounts Payable- \$190.00

The board reviewed and signed the March vouchers.

12. CALL TO THE PUBLIC AND OPEN DISCUSSION.

The board briefly discussed recruitment and marketing ideas.

Ms. Jenkins suggested doing targeted mail marketing during the summer months. This would include creating a postcard and purchasing a mailing list that targets homes with teenagers. There is some cost but it might be a good way to get our name and face out there.

Ms. Shaw said she would like to have a current brochure that can be given to people around town. She would like it to be useful to Cottonwood and St. Johns sites.

Ms. Crosby said she has met business people in the community who feel that the loss of the school would be terrible for kids in the area.

13. ADJOURN.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.