

Meeting Minutes for Desert Heights Charter Schools
Regular Governing Board Meeting
May 26, 2020
5:00 p.m.

A Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board for the Desert Heights Charter Schools was held on February 25, 2020, at Desert Heights Elementary School, Cafeteria, 5821 W. Beverly Lane, Glendale, Arizona. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Sherrie Blanton, absent
Nancy Diggs, present
Leanette Henagan, present
Margaret Martin, present
Manuel Robles, present
Mark Jiles, absent

1. Public Comment

Manuel Robles, on behalf of the Board, commended everyone at Desert Heights for the work they did because of Covid-19. The way everyone worked so hard to make sure that they were able to do the absolute best for the students, from on-line classes to graduation. Congratulations for a job well done.

2. Consent Items

Minutes for February 25,, 2020 regular meeting were approved

3. Operational Update Report

Katie Miller provided the President's Report.

Desert Heights is looking at options for the next school year. It appears that a hybrid model will be utilized and what that looks like is being explored at this time. Discussions continue to occur regarding what a classroom will look like.

Lawrence Stanley brought everyone up to date on the work that is being done regarding sanitizing the school. The school has ordered hand sanitizing stations and is stocking up on other supplies.

Regarding security, cameras have been installed at the High School and the next step is to get them installed at the Charter.

Courtney Martin brought everyone up to date on the new website that is being developed. It is anticipated that it will be up by July 1.

Ciara Loadholt informed every one of the various procedures being put in place at the Preschool to protect everyone there, including temperature checks, not allowing parents or guardians inside.

Teacher retention is good for next year.

Enrollment is actually looking very good at this time. Retention of formerly enrolled students is about average and there are many new students looking to attend Desert Heights.

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4. D grade credit (as a result of COVID 19 pandemic.

This request, by the High School is to give a student an option to bring their grade up if they have met all other requirements. They will get a .5 credit. The request is only for the second semester of the 2019/2020 school year. Upon motion by Margaret Martin, seconded by Manuel Robles, the Board unanimously approved the request to provide a D grade credit at the High School.

5. Discussion regarding formulation of the evaluation process of President and Duties of President

A discussion occurred regarding how to approach the performance evaluation. Manuel Robles wants the direction of the school moving forward to be discussed. Katie Miller stated that she would provide the Board with a list of domains that principals and deans are evaluated on to assist with determining the Board goals for evaluation of the President. Mark Jiles will provide the Board with a list of duties and any further information he can locate regarding previous reviews.

6. Future meeting dates

The Board agreed to future meeting dates of June 16th and July 14th, with the caveat that these dates may not work because of the changed budget due dates. So, it is possible these dates will need to be changed once that information is obtained.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.