

PHOENIX-TALENT SCHOOLS
Summer Board Retreat Meeting
Thursday July 21, 2022
6:00 p.m. – District Office & Virtual via ZOOM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michael Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Other Board Members present: Vice Chair Dawn Watson, Directors Polly Farrimond, Sara Crawford, Nancy McKinnis, Rebecca Weathers and Rick Nagel. Absent: None. Also present: Brent Barry and Denise Skinner.

**OSBA SUMMER
CONFERENCE
DEBRIEF**

- Board Chair Michael Campbell asked those members who attended the OSBA Summer Conference to share what they learned at the conference.
- Director Farrimond felt it was very good information. She would like to see more breakout sessions for districts to share information about what works and what doesn't work for them. Director Farrimond shared that in one of her sessions, Student Representatives spoke about serving on the board and what their experiences were and that the representatives seemed to be pretty involved such as having input on policy.
- Director Crawford also shared her experience regarding the Student Representative discussions and came back with some ideas on what she would like to do in regards to our process and student selection. The class she felt was most informative was Policy 101.
- Director McKinnis was very pleased with the guest speaker and his topic on family engagement. Mrs. McKinnis also felt it would be nice to have more time to collaborate with other districts and how valuable it is for the board and the schools to learn what equity really is.
- Vice Chair Dawn Watson attended the pre-conference with the guest speaker whose topic was on family engagement. Her takeaway was that making simple changes starts the process and signage was one of them. How important it is to have positive messages and to have all signs in both English and Spanish. Mrs. Watson shared several ways to try and engage with the families more.
- Chair Michael Campbell said that it is important for us to zoom out and make sure we are looking at the overall view also. Chair Campbell said that we need to ask ourselves as a board what ways can we better understand how things are going on in our district and how can we best utilize our roles in the district.
- Supt. Barry's take away from the conference was communication versus engagement.

**SCHOOL BOARD
OPERATING
AGREEMENT**

- Board Chair Michael Campbell asked for discussion regarding the provided sample board operating agreements. Chair Campbell suggested to have an ad-hock committee to draft an operating agreement. It was decided that Michael Campbell, Rebecca Weathers, Sara Crawford and Supt. Barry would be on the committee.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION

- Board Chair Michael Campbell suggested to combine creating the self-evaluation with the operating agreement ad-hock committee.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE OR OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

- Board Chair Michael Campbell reviewed the district committees/assignments:
 1. Bargaining – Certified (Polly) and Classified (Dawn)
 2. Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee – Polly and Nancy currently attend. Monthly hour meetings. Michael will volunteer to be on the committee. Sara would like to see when the meetings are before making a commitment.
 3. Safe Schools Interagency Team Committee – Rick is currently on the committee and wishes to stay on it. Rebecca would like to join as long as it is on Wednesday's.
 4. Safety Committee – Meets monthly; usually is a half hour. Rick volunteered to attend when possible.
 5. Site Council – This is more school related with teaching staff, classified staff, and parents. It was suggested to have a board member at each school but a larger conversation will be at a future time.
 6. Student Investment Account – Dawn, Nancy, and Polly.
 7. Audit Committee – Rick currently is on.
 8. Colver Road Committee – Michael and Sara are currently on.
 9. Other Proposed Committee Assignments –
 1. Student Representatives – Sara and Nancy and Kala. Task is to create a job description, job expectations and selection process and report back to the board.
 2. Family Engagement - decided to wait and get more information from staff.

FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS

- Board Chair Michael Campbell said that the two calendared work sessions are January 19 and March 16.
- Suggestions included learning about financial statements, EDI training, and budgeting process.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Brent Barry, Clerk of the Board

Michael Campbell, Board Chair

Recording Secretary: Denise Skinner
Board Secretary/Executive Assistant