

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Yuma Private Industry Council, Administration Building
3834 W. 16th Street, Yuma, AZ 85364

Meeting Link:

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March 8, 2023

8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Steven M. Miller called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steven M. Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and those present and absent were:

| <u>Members Present:</u> | <u>Members Absent:</u> |
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| Judith Castro (Virtually-7:56 a.m.), Steven M. Miller (In Person-7:54 a.m.), Michael J. Sabath (Virtually-8:01 a.m.), Antonio Zuniga (Virtually-7:57 a.m.) | Jesus G. Figueroa (Excused) |

Thereby, a quorum was established.

Staff/Guest Present (Virtually):

Samuel G. Loveless, WDB Vice-Chair
Shavon Knox, IT
Adriana McBride, HR Manager
Alicia Huizar, Contract Manager
Steve Barba, Finance & Accounting Manager

Brian Grossenburg, Principal
Patrick Goetz, Operations Director
Nidia Herrera, Executive Director
Beatriz Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steven M. Miller asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2023 meeting.

Michael J. Sabath moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 8, 2023; seconded by Judith Castro. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 at 8:02 a.m. (Yes-Judith Castro, Steven M. Miller, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

VI. SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Brian Grossenburg reported the following:

A. Enrollment Update

Principal Grossenburg informed enrollment is at 103 and 14 individuals have attended orientation.

Steven M. Miller asked when will the 14 students be enrolled. Principal Grossenburg replied they will begin next quarter.

B. Students Meeting Alternative School Data based on Alternatives School Application Criteria Data

Principal Grossenburg provided the following information,

- In order for schools to be considered to be an alternative school, school’s must apply each year for the alternative designation
- Mission statement must be marketed to an alternative population
- Student population must consist of at least 75% of students that meet 1 of 6 categories set by the state of Arizona
 - Six categories are: behind on credits/academic performance, disruptive behavior, drop out, primary caregiver, probation/adjudicated youth and ward of state
- School meets the criteria for an alternative school; therefore, the application has been submitted

C. Students Meeting Initial On-Track to Graduate Initial Report

Principal Grossenburg provided the following information,

- Report is required by the state of Arizona
- Data is based on the school’s population
- Includes students that had enrollment on January 31st or that graduated prior to January 31st
- As of January 31st, 10 students have graduated
- 18 students met the criteria as on track to graduate
- 2019 cohort: 75% were on track to graduate, 2020 cohort: 71% were on track to graduate, 2021 cohort: 60% were on track to graduate, 2022 cohort: 41% were on track to graduate, 2023 cohort: 25% were on track to graduate, 2024 cohort: 8% were on track to graduate

Steven M. Miller asked for an estimate of how many students will graduate this year. Principal Grossenburg replied about 25 to 28 students. Michael J. Sabath asked how does it compare with last year. Principal Grossenburg replied last year about 22 students were identified for on track graduation.

D. Suspension and Discipline Report

The summary of suspension for February 2023. The report is as follows:

| Suspension Type | Disruption/Defiance | Threat/Intimidation | Fight/Assault | Drugs | Gang Identification/Activity | Other |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Short-Term Suspension | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Long-Term Suspension | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

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| Recommendation for Expulsion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Awaiting Disciplinary Hearings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alternative Learning – Short Term | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alternative Learning – Long Term | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Principal Grossenburg informed the Board, there were 2 disciplinary hearings and the hearing officer recommended long term suspensions.

Steven M. Miller asked if the students are receiving services. Principal Grossenburg replied yes. Michael J. Sabath commented he supports the idea of providing services and keeping students engaged with education.

E. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

VII. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. Student Activities Account for Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period of February 28, 2023, in the amount of \$6,909.25.

Patrick Goetz recommended the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School approve the February 28, 2023 balance of \$6,909.25.

Steven M. Miller asked for the approval of the consent action items as presented.

Michael J. Sabath moved to approve the consent action items as presented; seconded by Judith Castro. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 at 8:19 a.m. (Yes-Judith Castro, Steven M. Miller, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

VIII. DISCUSSION ACTION ITEMS

A. Expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending February 28, 2023, in the amount of \$813,376.

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School approve the expenditures as presented for the year-to-date period ending February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$813,376.

Expenses are at 68%, at 73% of the school year.

Steven M. Miller asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$813,376.

Michael J. Sabath moved to approve the expenditures for the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School for the period ending February 28, 2023; seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion passed.

Steven M. Miller asked if staff has reviewed what will be done with overage. Principal Grossenburg replied there will not be much of an overage at the end of the year.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 at 8:21 a.m. (Yes-Judith Castro, Steven M. Miller, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

B. Cost of Living Adjustment/Inflation

Patrick Goetz informed the Board, the minimum wage in Arizona increased from \$12.80 to \$13.85 as of January 1, 2023. Board staff is recommending a 5% cost of living adjustment to the Charter High School staff. Numbers have been calculated by the accounting department and are able to provide the increase.

Patrick Goetz recommended the Governing Board of the Educational Opportunity Center Charter High School approve the Cost-of-Living Adjustment.

Steven M. Miller asked for a motion to approve the Cost-of-Living Adjustment.

Michael J. Sabath moved to approve the Cost-of-Living Adjustment; seconded by Antonio Zuniga. The motion passed.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 at 8:22 a.m. (Yes-Judith Castro, Steven M. Miller, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

IX. OTHER INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS

Alicia Huizar informed the Board, the school received a letter from the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools to inform that based on the Fiscal Year 2022 audit, the school received a rating of intervention. The school must submit financial reports to state. Reports will be done on a quarterly basis and the next audit will determine if the school continues with quarterly reports or not.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Michael J. Sabath informed the Board, NAU will be hosting a presentation by Dr. Patricia Cutright regarding native women changing their lives on Wednesday, March 22, 2022.

Principal Grossenburg provided the following information,

- Steven M. Miller has offered to present to students interested in criminal justice and opportunities within the department of corrections
- On March 16, 2023 the school will be attending the Yuma Southwest Contractors Association Career Expo from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- On March 17, 2023 there will be a first responder career day at the Martin Luther King Center
- Welding teacher, Shanen Aranmor took students to Ameri School for National Reading Day

Judith Castro asked if the charter school participates in transition fairs. Principal Grossenburg replied they are currently not offering transition fairs. Michael J. Sabath offered to have someone present to the Charter high school on pathways and career options.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Steven M. Miller asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Michael J. Sabath made the motion which was seconded by Judith Castro. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 at 8:34 a.m. (Yes-Judith Castro, Steven M. Miller, Michael J. Sabath & Antonio Zuniga)

Respectfully submitted by; Beatriz Aguilar, Clerk of the Board.