

Guadalupe Education System Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2020

Board Approved  
Jan 2021

Meeting was called to order by Beto Lopez at 4:30pm at the GCI Theatre room and via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Justine Del Muro      Beto Lopez      Dr. Julia Vargas  
   Sandra Garcia      Cris Medina      Phyllis Hernandez  
   Jaime Guillen

Board Members Absent: Jacob Derritt      Daniel Silva

Other staff present:      Joe Palmer      Dr. Steve Lumetta      Isela Castro  
   Dr. Mike Wilhoit      Dr. Katrina Lundien      Dr. Jim Hammen  
   Eduardo Mendez      Charlotte Hawkins      Patricia Hernandez  
   April Soberon      Elizabeth Marentes      Jesse Harvey  
   Claudia Meyer      Amy Williams      Michael Meaney  
   Luis Posada      James Engelby      Shannon Spradling  
   Mark Nasteff      Keith Schoen

The meeting began with Information Item #4 as a quorum was not established until 4:42pm, the consent agenda was voted on at that time.

**Consent Agenda**

November 2020 Meeting Minutes

HR Staffing Board Report

November 2020 Financial Statement

November 2020 Check Register

November 2020 Credit Card Statement

Judge Del Muro moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Mr. Medina seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Real World Learning Presentation**

Dr. Lumetta, Mr. Meaney and Mr. Schoen gave the presentation. This is an opportunity for the high school through the Kauffman Foundation. While there are many different avenues to secure a good job and career, Real World Learning initiative aims to make pathways known, encouraged and more accessible for all. There are over 30 schools and districts both small and large that are participating throughout the region and metro. They formed a design team that developed a 3 year strategic plan specifically for Real World Learning, they were successful to report to the board that they achieved \$75,000 to this particular grant opportunity. Students have the opportunity to receive college credit, internships, industry recognized credentials, participate in client projects and entrepreneurial experiences.

**Superintendent Report**

**60 Second Success Stories-** Mr. Palmer would like each of the school administrators to give a brief success story.

PreK- Ms. Castro mentioned they have had high attendance and participation. They started small individual instruction for those students needing the extra help.

Elementary School- Ms. Soberon stated the school has experienced loss some due to COVID others due to other circumstances. She appreciates all of the support given to the school to help push forward.

Middle School- Ms. Meyer stated they are successful by almost finishing up the first semester. They celebrate 2 of their staff who received the KC Scholars Adult Learning Scholarship, they will return in the fall to become teachers themselves.

High School- Mr. Meaney also mentioned that one of their staff members, Isamara Cortez Cruz, also received the KC Scholars Adult Learning Scholarship. The NWEA was rolled out for the first time in a long time, kudos to the assessment team for doing a phenomenal job. There were 94% of students who completed the NWEA test, the data is looking promising and will be available soon.

**Data Dashboard-** Dr. Lumetta presented the following data.

PreK- DRDP (Desired Results Development Profile) tracks 2 particular indicators in literacy, phonological awareness and letter word knowledge. There are 4 categories: responding, exploring, building and integrating. The goal of the program is to have them fall into an integrating category showing they are ready for kindergarten at the end of the school year, they currently have several kids already in the building category for both particular indicators.

Elementary School- iXL progress shows there have been 420, 025 questions answered and 1,189 hours spent on this so far. It shows the skill progress and allows the teachers to focus on particular groups as needed. There are 4,257 skills mastered, 4,939 skills proficient and 8,881 skills practiced.

Middle School- iXL progress shows there have been 394,348 questions answered and 3,890 hours spent on this so far. It shows the skill progress and allows the teachers to focus on particular groups as needed. There are 2,526 skills mastered, 9,544 skills proficient and 15,299 skills practiced.

High School- NWEA is a national assessment, this is a mean score for the national average. We are about 218-223 for our 9th-12th grade.

Blended Learning Attendance K-5th grade average onsite 86.72%. Virtual Learning Attendance, K-5th grade 91.5%, 6th-8th grade 91.5%, 9th-12th grade 88.62%.

**School Update-** Mr. Palmer indicated that blended learning for K-5 had to pause on 12/3, there were some COVID cases with students and staff. They will reassess after winter break to determine if they can continue blended learning on January 19. Middle and high school will continue virtual learning. Staff returns on January 4 with a welcome back celebration the students return on January 5. We might be receiving vaccines for teachers and educators in late February and early March.

### **Facilities/Construction Update**

Mr. Lopez maintenance and custodial staff continue to disinfect all areas and follow CDC guidelines. The food service department has served 120,000 meals in 2020 of which 80,000 meals were free of charge. The food service was presented with a district-wide Food Safety excellence award from the KCMO Health Department for the 2020 year.

## **Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee-** Judge Del Muro indicated they did meet, they discussed the financials in the consent agenda. They also approved an amount of \$100 to give to full time employees.

**Executive Committee-** Mr. Lopez mentioned they did not meet.

**Instruction Committee-** Ms. Garcia stated they did meet. They discussed changing the grading standards at the high school to ensure it is inclusive and set our high school students for success. That proposal will be presented soon. They received an update in special education, their goal is to increase the ability for students to access and understand the curriculum in a more meaningful way.

**Safety Committee-** Mr. Lopez mentioned they did meet. Mr. Mendez stated they went over the disinfecting plan over the winter break. An update on the Project 10Million to provide more hotspots with unlimited data will allow students to access to zoom. The nursing staff applied for more rapid COVID antigens test as the current supply expires in April.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Public Comment**

None.

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Lopez motioned to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session, Mr. Guillen seconded the motion. Roll call taken: Beto Lopez Justine Del Muro Dr. Julia Vargas  
Jaime Guillen Phyllis Hernandez

**Motion carried unanimously.** All in attendance were dismissed except for all board members, Mr. Palmer, Dr. Hammen, Mr. Spradling and Mark Nasteff. Board entered executive session at 5:30pm.

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandra Garcia, Board Secretary

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Next Board Meeting:  
**Thursday, January 28, 2021**  
Minutes prepared by Recorder  
Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant