Guadalupe Education System Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Cris Medina at 4:26pm at the GCI Theatre room and via Zoom. The board members present established a quorum. Mr. Medina welcomed those in attendance.

Board Members Present:
- Justine Del Muro
- Cris Medina
- Dr. Julia Vargas
- Phyllis Hernandez
- Sandra Garcia
- Daniel Silva
- Jacob Derritt
- Jaime Guillen

Board Members Absent:
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Other staff present:
- Joe Palmer
- Isela Castro
- Dr. Steve Lumetta
- Dr. Jim Hammen
- April Soberon
- Dr. Katrina Lundien
- Eduardo Mendez
- Elizabeth Marentes
- Michael Meaney
- Mark Nastef

Consent Agenda
January 2021 Meeting Minutes
HR Staffing Board Report
January 2021 Financial Statement
January 2021 Check Register
January 2021 Credit Card Statement
BIST Contract for 2021-2022

Judge Del Muro moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Ms. Phyllis Hernandez seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

School Calendar for 2021-2022
Mr. Palmer discussed the School Calendar for 2021-2022. The staff voted on calendar B which is very similar to the current school calendar.
Mr. Guillen moved to accept the School Calendar for 2021-2022, Mr. Lopez seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

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 had 87% of participation in parent teacher conferences. They were able to provide their parents with conscious discipline training.

Elementary School- Ms. Soberon shared that their reading teachers, Hillary Kosnac and Hannah Ickes, have participated in a professional development engaging in letters training that has been provided by UCM. They have been able to share this training with the rest of the staff.
Middle School- Ms. Meyer stated they completed the NWEA testing. Their 8th graders had about 1 month of average growth and were slightly better than other LEA's in the area. There was 99% participation in parent teacher conferences.

**Data Dashboard**- Dr. Lumetta discussed the iXL data. The Elementary School showed fall progress was over 4,000 skills mastered and winter progress was over 6,000 skills mastered. The Middle School showed fall progress was over 2,000 skills mastered and winter progress was over 3,000 skills mastered. The trend line for both schools in language arts and math is going up. NWEA data at the Middle School are slightly better than other LEA's in the area.

**High School Presentation**- Mr. Meaney stated there are currently 403 students enrolled, their attendance is currently at 88%. Their Building Improvement Plan goal by 2021-2022 consists of a Parent Organization with 80% voluntary parent participants, 20% parent nomination by staff with at least 5% staff participation at each meeting. They started new traditions, Staff of the Month, this staff member has been selected by their peers for the work that they do to serve our community. The school has partnered with several organizations and received several grants from the University of Kansas, UNIDOS and the Hispanic Development Fund. Partnership Programs and Potential MVAs: MCC, Manual Tech, MindDrivenE, MOCSA, aSTEAM Village, Greenworks and Prep KC Pathways to Nursing.

**Enrollment Update**- Mr. Mendez stated Tania Casas helped with placing an advertising recruitment through Telemundo which airs starting in February through April as well as a spanish radio station. There will also be an ad in the Northeast News and Facebook. All school receptionists have been calling parents to follow up with registration. There are 315 new applications through SchoolAppKC, all offers to new students will be sent out on April 1, parents have until March 8 to respond. Mr. Medina suggested having hybrid sessions for PreK to increase enrollment.

**School Update**- Mr. Palmer mentioned that summer school will be from June 7-July 1, hours from 7:30am-2:30pm. PreK will have 1 section and K-5 will have 2 sections, class size will be from 15-17 face to face with virtual instruction being last resort. The middle and high school will have the same model as last year’s summer session.

**Strategic Plan Update**- Mr. Palmer stated they adopted their 3 Year Strategic Plan in 2018. They are currently working on their 3rd year and are making adjustments for the coming school year with their partner Marisol Rodriguez with Insignia Partners. There will be 3 leadership retreats and would like to involve board members in this process. They hope to finalize in June and will present the final plan for years 4 and 5 at that time.

**Summer School Update**- Mr. Palmer mentioned that summer school will be from June 7-July 1, hours from 7:30am-2:30pm. PreK will have 1 section and K-5 will have 2 sections, class size will be from 15-17 face to face with virtual instruction being last resort. The middle and high school will have the same model as last year’s summer session. Transportation will be provided for PreK-5 and will possibly transport middle and high school students as well.

**Charter Renewal Process**- Mr. Palmer stated the school is at the end of their 5 year cycle. Guadalupe Centers may qualify for the Expedite Renewal. They will meet with Vici with UCM at the next board meeting on March 25. Vici will hold a town hall meeting with parents and staff in April/May. The committee from UCM consists of 3 members and will meet with our board in August. The new charter begins with the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Medina would like to have our board members involved in this process.
Facilities/Construction Update
Mr. Lopez mentioned that maintenance, custodial and the food department have kept up the buildings in preparation for students and staff return.

Committee Reports
Finance Committee- Judge Del Muro stated they did meet and discussed all finances in the consent agenda.
Executive Committee- Mr. Medina stated they did meet and will discuss those conversations during the executive session.
Instruction Committee- Ms. Garcia stated they did meet and discussed the Real World Learning and calendar proposal as approved tonight.
Safety Committee- Mr. Lopez stated they did not meet.

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Public Comment
None

Executive Session
Mr. Medina made the motion, second by Mr. Guillen, to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session at 5:50pm. The motion was approved as follows:
Ayes: Beto Lopez Justine Del Muro
Dr. Julia Vargas Cris Medina
Jaime Guillen Jacob Derritt
Daniel Silva Sandra Garcia
Nays:

All in attendance were dismissed except for all board members, Mark Nasteff, Joe Palmer and Dr. Jim Hammen.

Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Sandra Garcia
Respectfully Submitted
Sandra Garcia, Board Secretary

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, April 22, 2021
Minutes prepared by Recorder
Patricia Hernandez, Administrative Assistant