

Minutes
Pima Vocational High School (PVHS)
Monthly Board Meeting
November 19, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

President – Albert Garcia
Vice President – Mary Fellows
Board Member - Dalila Perez
Board Member – Juanita Garcia-Seiger
Board Member – Donna Ruthruff

Board Members Absent:

Jay Slaughter

Also Present:

Ms. Michele Ray - Director
Ms. Leslie Lynch – Program Coordinator
Ms. Kayla Walker – Data Specialist
Ms. Anne Ortiz - Aspire
Ms. Irene Moreno – Registrar
Dr. Francisco Garcia – Deputy Pima
County
Administrator

Call to Order

8:30 a.m. by President Garcia, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Reports

1. Director's Report

Ms. Ray reported that Ben Chatfield, Irvington Social Studies teacher, resigned his position and moved to Chicago. Belisa Santana, the Ina Social Studies teacher, is teaching both Irvington and Ina students.

Ms. Ray reported that she has had to ask permission to hire a Program Manager. Due to the hiring freeze, special permission from County Administration needs to be given.

Ms. Ray reported that the Arizona Department of Education Specialist conducted a 5-hour site visit in late October. Site visit report has not yet been received, but the visit seemed to go well.

2. Program Coordinator's Report

Ms. Lynch reported that discussion of the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) would be tabled until the January board meeting when there would be more to report.

Ms. Lynch reported that 18-19 seniors were on track to graduate in December, that caps and gowns have been ordered, and that career portfolio presentations have been scheduled. Graduation will be virtual just as it was in June. Announcements, for the first time, will be emailed as opposed to through interoffice and post office.

3. Financial Reports

Ms. Ortiz reported the final award for the ESG grant should be coming out today and will help to make up for the losses due to lower enrollment numbers. Prop 301 monies are a little lighter due to lower enrollment.

Ms Ortiz reported that overall county allocations are down, and facility management charges have been kept in check. Projector installation is costing approximately \$500 per computer.

Ms Ortiz reported that overall PVHS has well in excess of the cash on hand needed to meet the Arizona Charter School Board requirement.

Ms Ortiz reported that revenues are being received on time.

4. Registrar's Report

Ms. Moreno reported a comparison between enrollment, attendance, and ADM from October 2019 to October 2020. Even though enrollment is down, attendance and ADM percentages between the two months are similar.

5. Data Specialist's Report

Ms. Walker gave a presentation of Pima County Safe Return Benchmarks during the discussion of action item to approve hybrid opening of school on January 7th, 2021 pending benchmarks. (See Action Item)

Considerations for Approval

1. Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2020

Vice President Mary Fellows proposed a motion to approve the 10/15/20 board minutes with strike of 2nd sentence of Item #3, which is a fragment. ("She also stated that...") Board Member Juanita Garcia-Seiger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. PVHS Revised Distance Learning Plan 20-21

Board member Jay Slauter proposed a motion to approve the PVHS Revised Distance Learning Plan 20-21, as written. Board member Donna Ruthruff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Hybrid Opening of PVHS for Session 4 of SY 20?21

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the timing of PVHS moving to a Hybrid mode of instruction based on the Pima County Health benchmarks. Ms. Walker, our Pima County Health Department liaison, presented data from both the State Department of Health and Services and the Pima County Health Department regarding the current benchmarks. In addition, Dr. Francisco Garcia, Deputy Pima County Administrator, shared his insights on where future benchmarks are headed along with concerns about the mental health and upward trend of suicides of students who are not in school. Ms. Walker presented more data that centered around the academic progress PVHS students are making even though they are distance learning. Finally, Dr. Garcia shared that the COVID 19 virus would probably be with us going into the next school year, so PVHS may possibly need to think about a more permanent model of what type of teaching we want to continue. After much discussion and questions by School Board members, Vice-President Mary Fellows proposed a motion to approve hybrid instruction on January 7th pending State and Local health benchmarks data. Board member Juanita Garcia-Seiger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Audience

There was no response to the call to the audience

Adjournment

President Garcia adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Next meeting

January 21, 2021

Minutes taken and submitted by Ms. Lynch

Due to the current COVID-19 health crisis, this meeting was held, via Microsoft Teams.