

SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMICS AND TECHNOLOGIES
ALBUQUERQUE

Minutes of the
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

5:30 pm

SIATech

1500 Indian School Rd NW

Albuquerque, NM 87104

Council Members Present:

Emily Salazar
David Berkey
Greta Roskom
Cindy Mullen
Jacob Kennedy

Council Members Not Present

John Rodarte
Stacey Cooley

Guests:

Curt Szarek, SIATech Business Manager
Kelly Callahan, SIATech Head Administrator

Minutes:

Donna Vanlandingham, SIATech Administrative Assistant

In the absence of Governing Council President Emily Salazar, Vice President David Berkey called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of January 19, 2010 Agenda

Greta Roskom made a motion to approve the agenda. Cindy Mullen seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of December 15, 2009 Minutes

Greta Roskom made a motion to approve the minutes. Jacob Kennedy seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Attendance Policy

The Attendance Policy had been emailed to council members previous to the meeting for them to review. An approved Attendance policy must be submitted to PED by February 12, 2010. Greta Roskom made a motion to approve the policy. Cindy Mullen seconded.

David Berkey asked if any of SIATech students were impacted by the new policy. Kelly Callahan responded approximately four (4) students per month are impacted. She pointed out the new policy is looking at interventions for absences as opposed to the previous policy which was to kick students out of school for not attending. She also clarified the policy was adjusted to meet the Job Corps policy of thirteen (13) unexcused absences. Greta Roskom made a motion to grant Ms. Callahan the authority to clarify the maximum days. Cindy Mullen seconded the policy amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Emily Salazar, who arrived at the meeting at 5:38 p.m. during the discussion mentioned above, began presiding over the meeting at 5:41 pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Finance Committee Report/Business Manager Report

The agenda and minutes from the December 30, 2009, Finance Committee report were distributed for review. Mr. Szarek reviewed the minutes with the council. The next Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled after the 30 day Legislative session ends.

The November financial statements were distributed for review. Mr. Szarek gave a brief narrative of the financial results as presented.

Dr. Emily Salazar noted the recent press announcements concerning former APS charter schools who have elected not to renew with Albuquerque Public Schools as their authorizer, but rather through the Public Education Commission. Dr. Salazar inquired as to whether there were any benefits for any charter to be authorized through the PEC as opposed to APS. Ms. Callahan explained this is the first year the PEC is an authorizer and the trail is unknown, so to speak. She reiterated that since SIATech has chosen to remain with APS, the school will continue to be proactive in all aspects. She shared that SIATech is a well-run and well-respected program with proven results, which translates as a “win-win” for both APS and SIATech.

2. Academic Advisory/CIC/Council Development

The Job Corps Dallas region has combined several committees. Emily will inform the council once a name has been assigned to the committee. She reported Angelo Gonzales from Senator Bingaman’s office visited the center.

3. Site Leader Report

The Site Leader Report was distributed for review. Ms. Callahan reviewed the report with the Council since Mr. Bose was attending a Job Corp conference in Dallas.

The next graduation will be held on February 26, 2010 at 4:00 pm at the UNM Continuing Ed auditorium.

4. Head Administrator Report

The Head Administrator report was distributed for review. Ms. Callahan met with PED concerning SIATech’s Corrective Action AYP designation. During the meeting, she was informed that since SIATech received North Central Accreditation status, the Corrective Action designation has been delayed for one year, which in turn, delays R/2 for two years.

5. Whistle Blower Policy

A draft of the Whistle Blower policy was distributed for review. Council members were asked to review the policy and be prepared to vote at the February meeting. This will be added as an action item on the February agenda.

6. Reduction in Force Policy

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7. Council Goals

This item will remain on the agenda each month for review and to determine progress of the goals. The council reviewed the goals and some changes were made.

Goal 1 Ensure SIATech creates a system that increases students participation in some form of Advanced Training by July 2010. (Create program, process to engage students. Model, mentor, measure)

Goal 2 Review, adopt and approve a plan for alternative measurements, continuous improvements and advocacy policy.

Goal 3 Draft a policy paper.

Goal 4 Review existing policies regarding transparency and modify/update as appropriate by July 2010.

Goal 5 Develop Board Self Evaluation.

Goal 6 Quicker more productive meetings by 2/2010.

8. Concerns/Opportunities discussed at SIATech All Boards Workshop in Palm Springs

The council reviewed the council’s concerns and opportunities to clarify and determine which items if any had been dealt with.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next regular scheduled meeting is February 16, 2010. Ms. Callahan requested the Council consider the alternate date of February 25, 2010, since she will be out of town on February 16. Donna Vanlandingham will send an email to council members.

David Berkey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy Mullen seconded. Emily Salazar adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.