

HORIZON ACADEMY WEST

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2023

Google Meets and In-Person

4:30 p.m.

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<p><b>Officers:</b> Storm Gonzalez, President Christen Hagemann (Levan), Vice President Carrie Rodriguez, Secretary</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Anthony Jaramillo, Member Donna Predika, Member Anne Claspell, Member ☒ Non-voting</p>	<p><b>Guests:</b> Carissa Cantrell, Director ☒ Alice Chavez, Business Manager ☒ Andrea Gallegos, Dean of Students ☒ Linda Stoffan, Teacher Representative ☒</p>
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1. CALL TO ORDER- Storm Gonzalez- 4:32

- a. Roll Call- Storm Gonzalez- members present: Storm Gonzales, Christen Hagemann, Donna Predika, and Anthony Jaramillo (virtual). Absent: Anne Claspell
- b. Approval of Agenda\*- Storm Gonzalez- Christen Hagemann motioned to approve the Agenda as it stands; Anthony Jaramillo made 2nd motion. Roll Call Vote: Christen Hagemann- yes, Anthony Jaramillo-yes, Donna Predika -yes, Storm Gonzalez- yes. Unanimous approval.
- c. Review/Approval of Minutes: January 17, 2023\*- Storm Gonzalez- Donna Predika motioned to approve the January 17, 2023 Minutes as they stand; Christen Hagemann made 2nd motion. Roll Call Vote: Christen Hagemann-yes, Anthony Jaramillo-yes, Donna Predika- yes, Storm Gonzalez-yes. Unanimous approval.

2. Public Comments (procedures printed at bottom of agenda)🕒 - No one present today

3. Finance- Alice Chavez

- a. Bank Reconciliation\*- Christen Hagemann motioned to approve the Bank Reconciliation as presented; Donna Predika made 2nd motion. Roll Call Vote: Christen Hagemann- yes, Anthony Jaramillo-yes, Donna Predika- yes, Storm Gonzalez-yes. Unanimous approval.
- b. Voucher Listing\*- Donna Predika motioned to approve the Voucher Listing as presented Anthony Jaramillo made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Roll call vote: Christen Hagemann- yes, Anthony Jaramillo-yes, Donna Predika- yes, and Storm Gonzalez-yes. Unanimous approval
- c. BARs\*- Christen Hagemann motioned to approve the three BARs as presented; Donna Predika made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Roll call vote: Christen Hagemann- yes, Anthony Jaramillo-yes, Donna Predika- yes, and Storm Gonzalez-yes. Unanimous approval

#### 4. New Business Matters

- a. Legislative Updates- Carissa Cantrell- SB422- has been tabled. Senator Pope talked to Carissa about why this bill should be opposed. She shared her testimony. Another hearing will be held on Friday. Some opposition from Taos and Santa Fe will be present. Carissa will continue to advocate for Charter schools. Instructional hours 990 to increase to 1140. Since HAW is a four-day school, we need to get creative with fulfilling hours. Can this include professional development?? Calendar is on hold. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> charter leaders are meeting to discuss calendar ideas. Staff will then be involved and options will be reviewed. Then the calendar will then be presented to Council. Below the line budget has been cut by 7%. That impacts salaries for staff and resources and support for students. There is an additional 2% that is cut from charters schools for administrative oversight. Bill for minimum salaries for educational assistants has passed committees. This is great but it is not being funded 100%. Carissa will continue to participate in meetings and conversations. Council members are willing to email legislators as well. Another bill we are watching is about suspension of students.
- b. Charter Contract Update- Carissa Cantrell- Patty Matthews and Charter Leaders meet today. Meeting will be held on Monday with Charter School Division and Public Education Commission and legal counsel. Carissa is providing information in these discussions. Working as a team should be the focus to do right by kids. The framework is still being discussed and reviewed. We want to make sure that there is correct wording in our charter contract.
- c. Director's Report- Carissa Cantrell
  - Enrollment: 483- some students have moved
  - Staffing updates: We are still in need of a Social Worker. CES continues to work on filling this position.
  - Facilities: HVAC units, carpet, cafeteria tables, five promethean boards
  - State testing: March-April testing window. We are hopeful to see testing results in a timely matter. Percentages at or above grade level: Kindergarten is at 58%, 1<sup>st</sup> grade is at 59%, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is at 62%, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is at 64%, 4<sup>th</sup> grade is at 65%, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is at 76% for reading and math.
  - Difficulties throughout the school year: There are hard days and we will always be transparent about issues that arise, as needed. As educators, we need to balance the good days and the hard days and focus on students. Relationships matter.
  - Parking lot: Most families follow procedures and processes. We will focus on the parents/families that are not being kind or following procedures. Recognizes accommodations. Andrea provided update on the trying to find information about school-zone lights.
  - PTO: father-daughter dance was a success. Mother-son night is happening in April. All PTO officers are resigning. We met with them and are working on recruiting new members.
  - Carissa's Goals: Create/Foster monthly community outreach and collaboration opportunities in order to grow enrollment, expand facilities, and increase name recognition through media outlets.
  - January/February progress towards goal:
    - Networking with Charter Director calls every Tuesday

- business contacts
- working with Charter Leaders and Patty Matthews on Charter framework and contract.
- Legislative Bills (testimony and call to action)

d. Council Trainings- Andrea Gallegos- As board members complete trainings, please send Andrea an email with the title and the number of hours for the completed training(s). Anthony, Storm and Donna currently have started or completed training hours. Hours and trainings were reviewed with board members. Andrea will continue to send out training schedule at the beginning of each month. Carissa is working with Missy Brown to create site specific trainings for new Council Members.

## 5. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

### a. Announcements

- Next Regular Board Meeting, March 28, 2023 at 4:30 pm

b. Adjournment- Christen Hagemann motioned to adjourn board meeting; Donna Predika made 2nd motion. Roll call vote: Christen Hagemann -yes, Anthony Jaramillo- yes, Donna Predika- yes, and Storm Gonzalez- yes. Unanimous approval.

\*ACTION ITEM

ⓈTIMED ITEM

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