



**Changemaker High School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 17, 2017 (Time: 5:32-7:53)
1300 S. Belvedere Ave, Tucson, AZ**

Board Members Attending: Manny Leon, Caroline Torres, Natalie Carrillo, Jose Hoyos (by phone)
Staff Attending: Luis Perales, Vicente Fuentes
Guests: Baltazar Garcia, Veronika Garcia, Dr. Anita Fernandez
Students: Sabrina R., Yesenia L., Kayla R.

Our Mission: To develop student leaders who turn ideas into action
Our Vision: All graduates will be prepared for college, careers, and civic engagement to make an equitable, sustainable world a reality.

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome** –C. Torres started the meeting at 5:32
2. **Public Comments**- None
3. **Consent Agenda**—
 - Meeting minutes from June 16, 2017 reviewed
 - **MOTION:** M. Leon moved to approve June 16, 2017 minutes. N. Carrillo seconded and all approved.
4. **Partner Presentations:**
 - **Prescott College, Dr. Anita Fernandez**—

Dr. Fernandez has a long running relationship with CMHS. She has co-taught classes, She offered dual enrollment classes to student, there was talk of co-habitation at one point before, but it did not happen. However, everything is better aligned for that at this point. She would like to start the dual enrollment program again, she would like an on site teacher training program in which we, as a partnership, “home grow” our teachers. Prescott college has programs to match AZ state tuition, but if the partnership goes through there is a possibility of having CMHS students getting a reduced rate. AZ Serves and the Vista program are run out of Prescott College. This brings both volunteers and other resources to the campus, who could take take students to do field work and other possibilities. This partnership could provide numerous opportunities for our staff and students that are just waiting to be explored. They have financial resources and their lease is up in June.
 - **Mexicayotl Academy of Excellence, Baltazar Garcia and Veronika Garcia**—

Mexicayotl was one of the first charter schools in Nogales, AZ. They have served the

Nogales community for 20 years, and just moved into Tucson 4 years ago. They are a K-8, dual language program that promotes learning through experience and interculturalism. They teach kids that their heritage is an asset and help them learn through who they are. They are an A rated school by the state and have been touted by the state as a model charter school. Currently, in Tucson, they have grades K-5 open, but would expand to K-8 immediately if the partnership happened. They are excited to join a partnership in Tucson because the climate is different than in Nogales and they are excited about the possibilities that a partnership could bring. Benefits in collaborations across the board, in facilities, resources, staffing and programming. They are financially stable, have 100 students and could move in June.

- No voting items at this point, but board is excited about the possibilities and strengths that this partnership will bring. Student stream, financial support with rent/other cost sharing, collaborations in work and student development. Mission alignment will all parties.

5. Financial Report- V. Fuentes

- **2017-18 Budget**

We ended the 2016-17 school year with a negative balance of \$33,000. This was offset by carryover from the previous year. Numbers are not final, and it looks like once all is accounted for that this number will be closer to \$3000. Currently, there is \$92,000 Cash on hand.

- **Financial Goals**

i. We need at least 30 days Cash on Hand, and and lower debt ratio.

ii. If the school is planning to get a loan lenders will want to see these two things. 112 students will meet these two goals. Currently 119 students are enrolled, it may go up a few students, but with absences it should stay about or above 112. Expenses will need to stay the same.

- **3 options for next year**--Board needs to consider financials, student population, and partnership. There are risks and benefits from each. Will need to consider a mortgage of about \$3,000,000 with any of these options. Could be less or more depending on the circumstances. This means we will need about 135 students next year. And could need an investor to secure a property.

i. Put a proposal together to buy building

ii. Walk away from Foundation without any support--start fresh with new partnership

iii. Proposal, not to buy building, but to revenue share after the sale of the property.

6. Board Member Elections -C. Torres

- **Board Chair**--C. Torres nominates M. Leon for Board Chair, N. Carrillo seconds the nomination and all approve.
- **Vice-Chair**-M. Leon nominates N. Carrillo, C. Torres seconds the nomination and all approve.
- **Secretary**--This position is being left vacant. However, M. Leon, the new Board Chair appointed C. Torres to temporarily fill this position until further notice.
- **Treasurer**--N. Carrillo nominates J. Hoyos to be Treasurer. C. Torres seconds and all approved

7. Board Chair Report- M. Leon

- **MOTION:** M. Leon moves to remove Judith Anderson as the charter holder and charter representative. Caroline seconds the motion and all approve.
- **MOTION:** M. Leon moves to amend ITE By-Laws to include Luis Perales as charter holder and charter representative. C. Torres seconds the motion and all approve.

- **ASBCS** --Calendar has still not been accepted. Rules changed and it needs to be re-submitted again.

8. CEO Report-L. Perales

- **Start of School Update**
 1. **Student Count**--119 as of today, could possible get to 120-125, but will also probably lose a few students. Count should stay above target at 112 to meet financial goals. Could take more students in the alternative A+ program.
 2. **Changemaker Student Parent Survey**--Many of those who filled out the English parent survey want to get involved. Although parents who filled out the Spanish version of the survey were not interested in getting involved.
 3. **Classroom Management Data**--The school has begun to collect self reported data from classroom teachers regarding classroom management. Teachers are reporting on 12 categories.
 4. **Student Assessment Data**--Last year's data showed small gains. It was not where we wanted it to be but students are averaging 2%-3% gains. This year they are starting Galileo testing early. They wanted to last week, but it did not happen. They should to their first test within the next couple of weeks.
- **RFP Update**--L. Perales did not jump on writing the RFP due to information that came about during the meeting with the Foundation and the bank. The bank would like all parties to walk away with a win in this interaction. The board needs to consider the 3 plans and determine which route we will go. Most of L. Perales' energy went into initiating a partnership that will serve the long term needs of CMHS. The partnership will support the work and financial situation of the school and will help to promote something that is unique and mission driven.

9. Housekeeping

- **EVIA Foundation is completing a campus clean-up.** The landscape company and Diversified, the builders, have been on campus working regularly.
- C. Boyd got information that CMHS did not qualify to provide free lunches to all students. The lunch program will have to stay the same as last year.

10. Next meeting: Thursday, September 21, 2017

Adjourned: M. Leon adjourned the meeting at 7:53.