



POR VIDA ACADEMY
CHARTER DISTRICT
FOR LIFE

Tuesday, February 9, 2020 at 8:45 am

1135 Mission Road, SA TX 78210

Agenda of Regular Called Board Meeting

- I. **Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**
 - a. Roll Call & Recording of Board Members Present - Declaration of Quorum Present. Odilia Korenek, Fred Catala, and Steve Langseth
 - b. Recording of the Executive Director/Superintendent and Staff Members Present. Superintendent, Joseph G. Rendon, Loren Franckowiak, Sandra Valencia, Marilyn Dovalina, Danette Salazar, Stephanie Rodriguez, Angela Cruz-Garcia
 - c. Others present – Dr. Davidson
- II. **Closed Session:** None
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Salute to the Texas Flag-** "Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."
- V. **Public Comment:** None
- VI. **Approval of Minutes:** January 19 Steve Langseth moved to approve the minutes of January 19, Fred Catala seconded the motion. January 19 minutes approved as presented.
- VII. **Superintendent Items:**
 - a. Campus Reports – Student Progress & Teacher Expectations. Ms. Franckowiak noted that PVA campus is currently compiling the baseline and benchmark data received from the end of semester and STAAR scores that was received in the middle of January and are expected to have the data compiled by the end of next week. After looking at some of the Statewide scores we discovered that our overall average student score in English 1 and Biology was higher than the state average. We continue to work with the students on the writing component. The writing component was done online this year which we believe contributed to the lower scores. Our teachers are discovering new ways to assist our students with their typing skills. In the near future all STAAR testing is expected to be done online. We have not received the breakdown by TEKS yet, but the teachers have compiled their own data which shows a slight dip in the numbers. All teachers have completed their 2nd round of observations and 3 have completed their 3rd round which are all going very well. Mr. Langseth reminded PVA that any positive information can be used to boost our perception with the public. Ms. Valencia noted that PVACC currently has 45

students enrolled and our attendance rate for the past two weeks is 85 percent. Our campus is still compiling the baseline and benchmark data received from the end of semester and STAAR scores and will have additional data by the next board meeting. We have 20 students who are slated to be graduates this year and are already working towards their post-secondary plans. Out of the 20 graduates, 14 students will be graduating with local honors. Ms. Moreno, the academic advisor is in school to become a school counselor and is incorporating many of the things she is learning in her classes to what she is doing for and with our students. One of those things is what we named "College Bound Scholar" where she meets with our 9th thru 12th grade students where she encourages them to create post-secondary plans, helps the students identify any physical or emotional barriers to the success of those plans. We now have 4 students who have elected to have face to face instruction.

- b. CAP Update – this item was covered along with the Campus Reports.
- c. Dr. Davidson Report – Dr. Davidson thought that the board meeting with the TEA representatives went very well. She advised the principals to keep to the data when in their meetings to avoid sounding as if they are not providing accurate data. She also advised the board on what information she submits in her reports to the TEA. She mentioned that there is a new sanction group at TEA who has a lot of authority up to and including closing charter schools.
- d. Future Board Meetings – the Board decided to have future board meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am. Due to scheduling conflicts the next two meetings were agreed upon as March 30th and May 11th.
- e. Officer Medel TEA Issue – Mr. Rendon provided background on the TEA complaint sent to Por Vida regarding Officer Medel. A letter was sent to Por Vida stating that the investigation had been completed and that there was no finding against Officer Medel. TEA will require the district to sign an attestation stating that we waive our right to an appeal but we would be allowed to continue to use Officer Medel on campus.

VIII. **Financials:**

January – Ms. Dovalina reviewed the financial statements with the board. Ms. Dovalina noted that an amendment would be made for any increase/decrease to the budgets. Mr. Rendon noted that one of the indicators for Charter FIRST is being off budget by more than 10 percent which is a rare occurrence. Ms. Dovalina noted that when the budget is presented the current month is shown side by side with the previous budget and the percentage change is noted next to the new budget. Fund 240 was the national school lunch program. Last year the district decided to no longer accept the conditions for reimbursement from the state for the free or reduced lunch program. There will be no further expenses in this fund. The board was asked if they wanted to continue to view this fund on the financial statements each month. The board recommended that we defer to the auditors as to their recommendation on the removal of this fund from the financials. Mr. Rendon noted that when there are balances on a line item at the end of the year, the auditors will work with the staff to move it to the fund balance. Mr. Rendon also stated that we have applied for the 2nd round of PPP Loan funds but as of today, we have not received a reply to our application. Mr. Catala asked for an update on how the staff is responding to the findings by the auditors specifically the segregation of duties, timing of PO approval and bank reconciliation review. Ms. Dovalina stated that she is now approving all PO's removing that task from Ms. Salazar and is sending the bank reconciliations to Mr. Rendon for signature when completed. Mr. Rendon noted that the person making credit card purchases may not be the same person who is

responsible for entering the PO. He also stated that the principals have been having conversations with their staff and are being proactive in ensuring that purchases are not made until a PO has been created in the system. Mr. Langseth moved to approve the January financials. Mr. Catala seconded the motion. The January financials have been approved as explained.

IX. **Board Items:** None

X. **Adjournment** Sr. Odilia Korenek adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Sr. Odilia Korenek Date
President

Steve Langseth Date
Vice-President