



POR VIDA ACADEMY
CHARTER DISTRICT
FOR LIFE

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 9:00 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, Amanda Koenning, Melli Melgoza
 - b. Recording of the Executive Director/Superintendent and Staff Members Present
Loren Franckowiak, Mariza Loreda, Sandra Valencia, Danette Salazar, Angela Cruz-Garcia
- 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 9 Ms. Koenning moved to approve the January 9 minutes as presented. Sr. Odilia Korenek seconded the motion. The January 9 minutes were approved as presented.
- VII. **Superintendent Items:**
 - a. Campus Reports
 - i. Mrs. Valencia noted that we currently have 78 students enrolled. We're going to have about 35 graduates with graduation being held on May 22nd at 6:00 PM at the police Officers Association. We have six students that will be tying up their dual credit classes this semester. We may have a couple of boys that take summer classes at Del Mar. We have a full slate for dual credit going into the fall. Del Mar was going to offer a certificate program that our students could take and do but they have since decided not to offer the certificate program, however it doesn't change what the students can obtain through our P tech program. We have two young ladies right now that are participating in the PTECH program and of course incoming freshman next year. We already have done a couple of interviews for students next year and have a couple of kids that are slated for the program that we think would be interested in it. We have four graduating students that are joining the military. Fortunately, the professors at Del Mar have

- been communicating with us and so if a kid falls behind, we know it quickly and we can work around their schedule to give them the extra time here at the school to support them so we're not allowing them flounder and help provide a smoother transition from high school to taking a college courses.
- ii. Mrs. Franckowiak noted that we have 139 students enrolled and on the last Superintendent report district ADA is 173. Both campuses are still enrolling, and they had to put some kids on hold because of STARR testing. Mr. Melgoza asked why we basically had this steady increase of students at this part of this year which usually doesn't happen. Ms. Loredo noted it would mostly be districts upheaval right now. I also think word of mouth because we're getting a lot of family member and friend referrals. I also think the consistency of what everyone is doing on campus. The phone calls, staying on top of attendance, making sure that we're in contact with the parents and student when something's occurring and just keeping that steady all year. We usually do home visits twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. Ms. Casiano gives out prizes to the top three students each month with perfect or close to perfect attendance or like closest to perfect attendance We take their picture and maybe a video. The funds for the prizes come from the snack cart as well as some donations from staff. We have 48 students graduating which is a lot lower than we had last year but we have a ton of freshmen this year. We have about 135 kids in attendance and then our ADA is about 103.89 even if we are not able to report the .89. We have so many exciting things happening. All the honor cords and stoles for graduation have been received.
 - b. District Bonus – Mrs. Franckowiak reminded the board that we did a district bonus in the fall due to the high enrollment and ADA. The staff and principals have continued to work very hard and increased those numbers. She requested that because of their hard work and the continued increase of ADA that the board approve another \$1,500 bonus to be paid out in May. Mr. Melgoza moved to approve the performance pay bonus. Sr. Odilia Korenek seconded the performance pay bonus. The performance pay bonus of \$1,500 for all district staff was approved.
 - c. Chaplain Policy approval – Mrs. Franckowiak stated that Sennet Bill 763 is about having chaplains on campus. Right now, both campuses have a counselor and or social worker but if we were in a situation where we had a tragedy by approving the Chaplain Policy we would be able to utilize outside resources to assist parents and students when the need arises. Our lawyers sent out a brief pros and cons list with some of the benefits are increased support, increased safety, cost effective services because they are volunteers. One of the risks is constitutional concerns which is why we would make it very clear with parents beforehand what we are doing and have them sign an acknowledgment stating that they understand that this person is not a licensed councilor, and they are religion based with a lack of training that other licensed councilors go through. We would handle this the same way we have previously handled our mentor programs. Any Chaplain brought onto campus would undergo the same background checks any other volunteer or employee would go through. Mr. Melgoza suggested putting this permission form in the student enrollment packet so that approval is already on hand when the need arises. He also suggested that we be proactive and have a list of possible candidates pre-screened so that they are ready prior to an event. The board approved the Chaplain policy
 - d. Charter FIRST – Mrs. Franckowiak noted we received a B status rating. We passed but received a 5 out of 10 on three sections. 1) the number of days of cash on hand sufficient to cover operating expenses. 2) the Charter School revenue being equal to

or exceeding expenses excluding depreciation and 3) Did the charter school have a debt to capitalization percentage that was reasonable for the charter school to continue operating. Each of these sections are ones that we normally get reduced points on. All other sections we either received 10 out of 10 or passed.

VIII. **Financials:** March 2024 – Mrs. Salazar presented the March Financials. Mr. Melgoza moved to approve the March financials as presented. Mrs. Koenning seconded the motion. The March financials were approved as presented. Mrs. Franckowiak noted that after quite a bit of back and forth a new lease has finally been signed for the Corpus Christi campus.

IX. **Board Items:** Schedule Next Board Meeting - Next board meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2024, at 9:00 am


I. **Adjournment** Sr. Odilia Korenek adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Odilia Korenek

05/09/24

Sr. Odilia Korenek
President

Date


Amanda Koenning (Aug 22, 2024 14:29 CDT)

22/08/24

Amanda Koenning
Vice-President

Date











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Final Audit Report

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