



POR VIDA ACADEMY
CHARTER DISTRICT
FOR LIFE

Tuesday, March 30, 2020 at 8:30 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
- 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:** February 9 Steve Langseth moved to approve the minutes of February 9, Fred Catala seconded the motion. February 9 minutes approved as presented.
- VII. **Superintendent Items:**
 - a. Campus Reports – Student Progress & Teacher Expectations. Ms. Franckowiak stated enrollment at PVA is 95 to 96 students and attendance is at 82% to 83%. Due to receiving the 2nd PPP loan we were able to bring on additional staff who will be doing home visits only. We are finding that some of the students are wanting to withdraw due to their home situations. Before withdrawing, we are working with them to help them understand that they can log in at any time of the day and they will still be able to receive their credits for the year. We are planning a drive-up graduation this year. We will also be allowing the graduates from last year to participate. We had some good outcomes in December STAAR testing and received good benchmark data back. We had a lot of students pass biology and English 1 in December. We now have our smallest ever group in English 1, only 32 students when we normally have 50 students. Our overall passing rate in English, after the mini benchmark is 52% when we are normally at 40%. Algebra was low in December and after the mini benchmark we are sitting at 58% passing. Ms. Franckowiak noted that the current standard is 35% for both Algebra and English. All teacher observations have been completed and reported. We have been working on the Teacher Incentive Allotment

(TIA) Application that is due April 15th which will provide additional funds to be paid to our teachers based on performance. We are on track with our Corrective Action Plan. Ms. Franckowiak noted that accountability has been waived again this year. Ms. Valencia noted that the PVACC campus has 45 students enrolled which has been fairly consistent this year. We have an average of 3 to 4 absences a day thanks in great part to the teachers and especially Mrs. Garza who has been making the majority of calls in addition to her teaching responsibilities. Due to receiving the 2nd PPP loan we were able to hire back some teachers and even a dedicated truancy officer who will take the bulk of keeping in contact with the students off of the teachers. Graduation is scheduled for June 1 at the Arts Center. Last year when COVID hit, graduation was canceled so we are exploring the possibility of renting out the police officer's association to try to do something for last year's graduates. We provide face to face instruction two days a week as a result of the survey sent out to parents asking if they wanted students to have face to face instruction. Out of 45 students, 4 indicated that they wanted face to face instruction. Since starting face to face instruction, the number of students attending has dwindled to about 1 student consistently. We do have other students from time to time. That's really based on if someone is not really being successful or if we are having trouble reaching them, or if something specific needs to be taken care of. We then ask the parent to bring that student in for a limited amount of time to complete a particular task. The new truancy officer will start this week, so I am hoping to start shifting tasks from the teachers and keep the same attendance results if not better. We also hired a receptionist that is going to be at the school from 8:30 to 4:00 every day. We are planning an aggressive Facebook campaign to drum up some support and enrollment going forward next year. We are preparing for STAAR testing by hosting bootcamps and restructuring our schedule a little bit to get the students prepared. Testing will be 100% online this year so there will be no paper materials along with an extended testing window. This will allow us to spread the testing out over a longer period and limit the number of students testing on any given day. There will also be 2 students taking the TELPAS test this year. This test is for those who are in the ESL program with limited English proficiency. The TELPAS results are treated in a similar manner to the STAAR tests. Using the Renaissance software we have tested about 50% of our students and found that about half of them are on or close to grade level with just a few students needing intervention. We have recently adjusted how we track data. We used to use a tracker that we created but are now using one that TEA has available.

- b. CAP Update – Ms. Valencia stated that all information provided about the Renaissance software data, progress checks and the Master schedule ties directly to the CAP update. Ms. Franckowiak noted that all benchmark data, enrollment, and STAAR data from December is part of the CAP update. Mr. Rendon noted that the State of Texas had created the Charter School Performance Framework. Under this framework, the State gathers accountability data and reviews it in a different way than it is reviewed in other already required frameworks. Last year was the first year we received a rating for the Charter School Performance Framework. The notice we received was that we failed the Charter School Performance Framework and were required to create a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The Corrective Action Plan has been submitted to TEA and as of today, we have not received any feedback from the State. We have been moving forward as if it has been an approved document until we hear otherwise from the state. We will present a review of the Charter School Performance Framework at the next board meeting for the new members.

- c. Dr. Davidson Report – Dr. Davidson was not present, but she has been working with the Principals to ensure that TEA has been informed of all necessary information.
- d. Weather Waiver Days Approval – Mr. Rendon requested that the board approves the missed school days waiver that will be submitted due to the freezing weather of February 16, 2021, February 17, 2021, February 18, 2021 and February 19, 2021 for the Por Vida Academy in San Antonio. Mr. Langseth moved to approve the weather days waiver. Mr. Catala seconded the motion. The Weather Days Waiver for February 16, 2021, February 17, 2021, February 18, 2021 and February 19, 2021 for the Por Vida Academy in San Antonio has been approved. Mr. Rendon requested that the board approves missed school days waiver that will be submitted due to the freezing weather of February 15, 2021, February 16, 2021, February 17, 2021, February 18, 2021 and February 19, 2021 for the Por Vida Academy in Corpus Christi. Mr. Langseth moved to approve the weather days waiver. Mr. Catala seconded the motion. The Weather Days Waiver for February 15, 2021, February 16, 2021, February 17, 2021, February 18, 2021 and February 19, 2021 for the Por Vida Academy in Corpus Christi has been approved.
- e. Mask Mandate – Mr. Rendon asked the board to approve the policy that as a district, masks will be required to be worn in our facilities. Mr. Langseth moved to pass the mask mandate policy as written. Mr. Catala seconded the motion. The mask mandate was approved. Sister asked about requiring staff to get vaccinated. Mr. Rendon stated that there have been some preliminary discussions regarding what it means to require a vaccination and we are not prepared to make it mandatory due to the possible legal repercussions of the district not being able to make accommodations.

VIII. Financials:

February – Ms. Dovalina reviewed the financial statements with the board. Ms. Dovalina pointed out that the budget was updated due to the receipt of the 2nd PPP loan and the need to hire additional staff per the requirements of the loan. We increased the salaries but were able to reduce the expenses for utilities and transportation in both campuses. The reduction in expenses was due to staff not being on campus. 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 9:59 a.m.

Odilia Korenek

May 13, 2021

Sr. Odilia Korenek
President

Date

Steven Langseth

Steven Langseth (Jun 5, 2021 10:08 CDT)

Jun 5, 2021

Steve Langseth
Vice-President

Date









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