



POR VIDA ACADEMY
CHARTER DISTRICT
FOR LIFE

Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at 10:00 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, Armondo Melgoza and Fred Catala
 - b. Recording of the Executive Director/Superintendent and Staff Members Present.
Joseph G. Rendon, Loren Franckowiak, Sandra Valencia, Mariza Loreda, Marilyn Dovalina, 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:** October 18 Mr. Fred Catala moved to approve the October 18 minutes as presented. Mr. Armondo Melgoza seconded the motion. The October 18 minutes were approved as presented.
- VII. **Superintendent Items:**
 - a. Campus Reports – Student Progress & Teacher Expectations
 - i. Mrs. Valencia noted that we are continuing to monitor data on a weekly basis using our pre and post test methods. English is looking good, but we've had to reassess some of the weaker TEKS in U.S. History. Algebra and Biology is looking good. We are gearing up for STARR re-testers. We only have 10 students to need to re-test. As mentioned last time, we need to prepare an application for PTECH which was not needed when we originally requested to be part of the grant. As part of that applications, we are required to have two industry-based partners and we have had quite a bit of difficulty getting them. We initially had decided on a law enforcement strand but that didn't work out primarily because of the age restrictions from Del Mar college so we decided on a similar but different route of criminal justice. We have Loss Prevention Texas (LP Texas) as our first industry-based partner, but we are still struggling for a second partner. This is mainly due to the signed assurance statement required by the State has some very specific language

that say the assurance is a legal binding document even though their commitment only involves to coming on campus to speak to students, provide tours of their facilities and possibly take on students to do internships. We have had to reach out to the PTECH people who have reached out to TEA. We were instructed to use the one industry-based partner that we currently have, forward it all to Del Mar for signature then submit to the State. We are at the stage where we have sent it to Del Mar for signature. LP Texas provides quite a few different trainings such as concealed carrying and concealed handgun license training and security officer training. He works closely with law enforcement providing some of their trainings. We have approached the probation department, Del Mar's law enforcement department as well as the CCPD as well as one of the judges at the local courthouse. A student can walk away with a certification for a non-commissioned security officer level 2, an IHD emergency telecommunications certification or maybe an associate degree. They will not be able to test for the certifications until they turn 18 but they can take all class work needed before and test after they turn 18. We have increased enrollment to 52 with another interview tomorrow and possibly another 3 by the end of the week. Most of the new students have come to us through Veterans Memorial High School thanks to the luncheon we held.

- ii. Ms. Loredo noted that we are getting ready for STARR re-testing, so we are continuing with our after-school program with student with teachers specifically focusing on English and Math. U.S. History and Biology is looking at about a 60% to 65%, Algebra is about 42% with English at 55%. We expect about 82 out of 96 enrolled kids re-testing with 5 of them being double testers. Dr. Deike has been working with me on how to do effective walkthroughs. We opted for online dual credit, and we currently have 3 upperclassmen enrolled but hope that more students both upper and lower classmen will participate next semester. One student passed the English part of the TSI test and only missed passing the Math portion by a couple of points. He will be re-testing after STARR per his insistence. We have a career fair scheduled in February with some of the careers being in HVAC, entrepreneurship, cosmetology, lawn care/service along with people from the Air Force and Navy. All students eligible have completed their FAFSA application.
- b. Insurance for Carrying Staff – Mrs. Franckowiak noted that we have had many discussions with our insurance brokers about insurance coverage for staff members who are authorized by the board to carry. At this time no company will cover teachers who spend more than 50% of their time in the classroom. This would mean that Mrs. Garza who is considered a teacher on her ECF would be unable to be insured and will not be allowed to carry on campus.
- c. PVA SA TIP - Ms. Loredo stated that we are focusing on 5.1 effective classroom routines and instructional strategies and 5.3 data-driven instruction. These were our two targets last year so I kind of just kept them the same. With the 5.1 instructional strategies and classroom routines we've been really focusing on the teacher's lesson plans, which was something mentioned last year. The goal is for everything to look uniform where what happens in one classroom happens in the next. The teaching strategies of course will vary from classroom to classroom based on the subject and the teacher, but an observer should be able to tell exactly what that teacher is doing from room to room really focusing on the learning goal and what the specific TEK is for that day. It not only helps the teacher and observers know what they're doing

but also the students to know exactly what's going on. We are also tying a STARR based question to the exit ticket when ending the class. An exit ticket is an overview of what's going on, what did we learn, why did we learn this. And 5.3 kind of goes hand in hand with the 5.1. There should be data attached to everything they are doing in the class. All core subject teachers have a data tracker that they track everything with, it usually starts with the beginning of the year assessment which focuses on what TEKs scored the lowest on the STARR from last year. The biggest issue we have with tracking data is due to our students moving around so much and the high number of absences. But by keeping everything consistent the teacher has something to follow they can have a reasoning for why the student tested the way they have. Mrs. Franckowiak stated that approval is needed from the board to focus on these two items. Mr. Armondo Melgoza moved to approve the focus of the Targeted Improvement Plan be the 5.1 effective classroom routines and instructional strategies and 5.3. is data-driven instruction. Mr. Fred Catala seconded the motion. The Targeted Improvement Plan focus of 5.1 effective classroom routines and instructional strategies and 5.3. is data-driven instruction was approved.

- d. Charter FIRST - Mrs. Dovalina the Charter First Annual Financial Management Report FY21-22. Mr. Catala moved to approve. Mr. Melgoza seconded the move. The Charter First Annual Financial Management report FY21-22 was approved as presented.

- VIII. **Financials:** October Financials –
Mrs. Dovalina presented the October 2022 Financials to the board. Mr. Catala moved to approve the October financials. Mr. Melgoza seconded the motion. The October financials were approved as presented.
- IX. **Board Items:** Schedule Next Board Meeting –
Next board meeting has been set for January 10, 2023, at 10:00 am
- X. **Adjournment** Sr. Odilia Korenek adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Odilia Korenek

Apr 24, 2023

Sr. Odilia Korenek
President

Date



Steven Langseth (Apr 24, 2023 09:43 CDT) Apr 24, 2023

Steve Langseth
Vice-President

Date










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