



POR VIDA ACADEMY
CHARTER DISTRICT
FOR LIFE

Friday, January 14, 2021 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, Steve Langseth and Fred Catala
- b. Recording of the Executive Director/Superintendent and Staff Members Present. Superintendent, Joseph G. Rendon, Loren Franckowiak, Sandra Valencia, Marilyn Dovalina, Danette Salazar, Mariza Loreda, Steven Mora, Angela Cruz-Garcia
- c. Others Present: Dr. Lura Davidson, Scott Woodland, Jeremy Barbatto

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: December 3 Steve Langseth moved to approve the minutes of December 3: Fred Catala seconded the motion. December 3 minutes were approved as presented.

VII. Superintendent Items:

- a. Campus Reports – Student Progress & Teacher Expectations –
 - i. Mr. Mora stated that the December STARR test results have been received except for English I and II results. In Biology we had a 75% passing rate, in Algebra we had 50% and the 1 student who tested in US History passed. We are offering Google Analytics certifications to the students. This is an industry-based certification that students can earn to assist them in landing positions in data analytics. We currently have 42 students enrolled on the PVACC campus. Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Manzanares are working together to get the campus certified to administer the TSI on campus. February 1st to the 4th will be our spring intersession where we will be bringing in select students for STARR, TSI and ASVAB prep. Mr. Rendon noted that the state has only given schools the authority to offer remote instruction under very specific

- circumstances, specifically to students who test positive for COVID and for only a total of 20 days per student during the school year.
- ii. Mrs. Loreda stated that we have also received STARR test results except for English I and II results. In Biology we had a 43% passing rate with 6% at met standards. In US History we had 36% passing. In Algebra we had 30% passing with 10% reaching mastered. We currently have 114 students enrolled. There will be 3 students taking the TSI test next week. Mrs. Franckowiak noted that most students who did not pass the December STARR test are the ones who have not attended class daily. But when they test again in the spring and pass, it will cancel out their December scores. Mr. Rendon noted that our teachers and staff work diligently with the students trying to determine the roadblocks stopping them from attending class and working with the students to remove those roadblocks. This process can sometimes take years, but we do not give up on any student.
- b. Dr. Davidson Report – Dr. Davidson noted that TEA would like her to make more visits to the campuses this year making sure that along with meeting with Admin, class reviews are also completed.
 - c. Schedule next Board Meeting – The next board meeting has been set for February 18, 2022 at 9:30 am.
 - d. Audit – Mr. Barbatto presented the 2020-2021 audit to the board. Steve Langseth moved to approve the audit: Fred Catala seconded the motion. The 2020-2021 audit was approved as presented.
 - e. Guardian Plan discussion – Mr. Rendon presented and reviewed the Guardian Plan which allows employees who meet specified criteria and are approved by the board to carry a firearm on campus. During the review of the policy, it was determined that there should be 6 hours of classroom training on carrying a weapon on campus and what that might mean in response to a crisis as well as range time consisting of 50 rounds per quarter and that range time must be performed each quarter not on an annual basis. It was also determined that there would be a limit of 4 people per campus not including Central Admin staff. Mr. Langseth moved to approve the policy with the discussed changes as well as Mr. Rendon being approved as the first Guardian. Mr. Catala seconded the motion. The policy and Mr. Rendon's participation has been approved as discussed.
 - f. Contracts – Mr. Rendon stated that during recent training by our Attorneys we discovered that there was a recent court case where the judge determined that the board of charter schools needs to approve all contracts the schools create. There currently is not any laws or regulations requiring this but per the advice of our attorneys we are requesting approval on any we currently have. Mrs. Dovalina presented three contracts for approval. Mr. Langseth moved to approve the presented contracts; Mr. Catala seconded the motion. The contracts were approved as presented.
 - i. The Executive coaching contract: The purpose of this contract is to provide coaching/mentoring to staff. The vendor is Joseph Castro in the amount of \$24,000. This contract is paid with federal funds 255, 211 and 289 with a portion paid by Youth Empowerment Services.
 - ii. Business Manager Coop: The purpose of this contract is to provide additional training to Mrs. Dovalina. The vendor is Region 20 with a cost of \$2,000. This contract is paid out of fund 420
 - iii. Storage: Mr. Rendon noted that Texas Serenity Academy (a charter school in Houston) was required by TEA to liquidate their storage facility. It was first offered to the City of Houston and local charter schools, but no one

accepted. It was offered to us free of charge. Our plan is to sell all items within the next couple of months. Storage fees will be reimbursed by Youth Empowerment Services.

VIII. **Financials:** December – Mrs. Dovalina presented the December financials. Mr. Langseth moved to approve the December financials. Mr. Catala seconded the motion. The December financials were approved as presented.

IX. **Board Items:** None


X. **Adjournment** Sr. Odilia Korenek adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.


Odilia Korenek (Feb 21, 2022 11:43 CST)

Sr. Odilia Korenek
President

Feb 21, 2022

Date


Steven Langseth (Feb 21, 2022 17:07 CST)

Steve Langseth
Vice-President

Feb 21, 2022

Date









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Final Audit Report

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