

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Commissioners
THRU: Charles F. Dodge, City Manager
FROM: Katherine Borgstrom – Board Secretary
DATE: December 9, 2020
SUBJECT: Regular Meeting - Charter Academic Village Advisory Board,
December 7, 2020

S U M M A R Y

2020-2021 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chair Padron, Vice Chair Pacini, Members Reynoso, Guzman, Razza and Kahn, Alternate Members Arik and Cairo (all via WebEx)

ABSENT: Members Costa and Levy

ALSO PRESENT: City Comptroller Jonathan Bonilla, Principal Bayer (via WebEx) and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY ONLY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE DECEMBER 7, 2020 REGULAR MEETING. DETAILED MINUTES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON APPROVAL BY THE BOARD AT THE NEXT MEETING.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jonathan Bonilla, City Comptroller, reported there was no City Manager's Report. He spoke about fundraising efforts and thanked the parents for their continued support through the parent donation, which has brought in \$22,000 so far this year. He reported that the Mod Pizza effort on December 6 had been a success and thanked those that participated, noting that 20% of all order that date will be donated to the charter foundation. He stated there will be more restaurant fundraisers after the holidays and to watch the school emails for information.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Bayer introduced Ms. Torres, Curriculum Specialist for the Academic Village. She presented the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan to the parents and board. She focused on the improvements that are projected for this year in reading, math, science, civics and history. She informed the parents that there were no scores in the spring of 2020, due to the schools going to on-line learning and that the improvement goals are based on the 2019 spring scores. She stated the state is projecting at this time to be able to have the spring 2021 testing statewide, but they have not determined dates or how that will be accomplished.

Mr. Bayer spoke about mid-term exams, which will be taken by students before the winter break and the shortened schedules for fall sports teams. Currently, he reported, the football team has won two of their scheduled three games and the volleyball team is in district finals. The school will live stream the district games if the team progresses.

Mr. Bayer spoke about the second semester and how the schools will handle classes. He shared that the state has issued Emergency Order #7 which has six assurances the state is requiring schools to work with. These are 1) Continue to offer five days a week of classes, 2) Have full services options for all students, 3) Continue to monitor students' progress, 4)

Offer choices of modality, 5) Address attendance and truancy, 6) Continue to offer staff development. Mr. Bayer explained the modality assurance as part of the monitoring of student progress and that options be explored for learning if a student is not progressing in their knowledge levels as they should. Options could include an e-learning student returning to the physical classroom for more individualized attention and instruction. These options would be discussed with instructors and parents to make best choice for student. He also explained that these areas are already part of the charter school's efforts to provide the best educational resources to students in this new era of both on line and in person education opportunities.

OPEN FORUM:

Many parents spoke in the forum, most comments centered current on line students returning to the physical classroom in January, how sports health checks are administered, what sports will be available in the second semester, attendance checks for on line students, what percentage of students returned to physical classrooms and how long will the schools be allowed to offer on line classes. Mr. Bayer answered all the concerns and thanked parents again for their assistance with on line learning and their continued support for their students and the school

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Members excused Member Costa from the September meeting and Member Levy from the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Motion passed to accept the minutes of the October 112, 2020 regular meeting as received.
- Motion passed to excuse Member Levy from the December meeting and Member Costa from the September meeting.
- Motion passed to approve the Academic Village School Improvement Plan for 2020-2021 and to send to the City Commission for final approval.

The next 2020-2021 Regular Meeting of the Charter Academic Village Advisory Board will be on Monday, January 11, 2021, and will begin at 6:00 P.M., as a virtual meeting. WebEx log on information will be available from the Board Secretary at kborgstrom@ppines.com.