

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**ARIZONA VIRTUAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

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Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.2 and A.3, the Governing Body may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda or to review, to discuss and consider records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

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DATED AND POSTED this **1st day of June 2020**

By                     *Kelly Van Sande*                    

Dr. Kelly Van Sande  
Head of Schools

ARIZONA VIRTUAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL  
**Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020: 12:00 PM**  
**Via Conference Call Line, (888) 824-5783 passcode 60328605#**  
5323 N. 99<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 210  
Glendale, AZ 85305

**A. Roll Call**

**Governing Board Members Present:** Dr. Celestino Fernandez, Mrs. Gabrielle Helmandollar, Dr. Mark Duplissis, Senator Linda Lopez

**Governing Board Members Absent:** None

**School Attendees:** Dr. Kelly Van Sande, Head of Schools; Sarah Alexander, Deputy Head of Schools; Mike Ronquillo, K12 Finance Manager; Conrad Michka, Senior Accountant; Brook Mosley-Schubert, Director of Special Programs; Bouchra Bouanani, Federal Programs Coordinator; Nichole Peterson, Operations manager; Veronica Murray, AZVA HS Principal; Melody Williamson, AZVA MS Principal; Sheri Behn, AZVA Elementary Principal; John Navarro, Insight DCA Admin; Trisha Jones, Blended Learning Admin; Carey Coleman, Testing Coordinator; Elizabeth Hall, Family Engagement Admin; Stephanie Statler, Special Ed Manager; Julia Kozloz, K12 Finance; Osiris Nelson, K12 Finance; Todd Goldthwaite, K12 SVP; Sheila Schiebler, K12.

**Quorum Reached:** Kelly Van Sande completed roll call and Dr. Celestino Fernandez called the meeting to order at 12:05.

**B. Call to the Public**

Call to the Public - This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Governing Body may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore,

pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01.G., action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing school staff to study the matter, respond to any criticism, or schedule the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

**Public Attendees:** Jacob Blair

Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked if anyone from the public wanted to address the Governing Body. No member of the public addressed the Governing Body.

**C. Review & possible adoption of March 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes sent to Governing Body to review in advance of the meeting. Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked if there were any questions or changes. No questions were posed.

**ACTION:**

- Dr. Mark Duplissis motioned for approval of the March 3, 2020 meeting minutes.
- Senator Linda Lopez seconded
- Unanimously approved at 12:06

**D. Presentation & possible adoption of SY20-21 School Handbooks**

Kelly Van Sande presented 2020-21 handbooks and referenced summary of changes provided in advance. Kelly Van Sande stated that if items did not appear on the 'Handbook Changes' document, they remained unchanged from previous years.

**ACTION:**

- Senator Linda Lopez motioned for approval of the SY 20-21 School Handbooks
- Gabrielle Helmandollar seconded
- Unanimously approved at 12:08

**E. Presentation & possible adoption of the usage of Tallo**

John Navarro described the Tallo platform, safety features, opportunities, and how Insight Academy of Arizona will use with HS students.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked if it was available only to high school students. John Navarro said the site requires a minimum age of 13 years old, so it will be geared to high school students.

Dr. Mark Duplissis inquired about how Tallo connected to ECAPS. John Navarro stated this is more of a networking tool and would not replace any portion of the ECAP.

**ACTION:**

- Senator Linda Lopez motioned for approval to adopt and use Tallo
- Gabrielle Helmandollar seconded
- Unanimously approved at 12:13

**F. Presentation & possible adoption of RISE High School Capstone Elective Credit Policy**

Bouchra Bouanani explained the RISE High School Capstone for Elective Credit for returning AZVA gifted students. The project issues elective credit and independent and is supervised by RISE staff.

Dr. Mark Duplissis stated that capstone projects are essential and provide students a great opportunity to consider their pursuits after high school.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez appreciated the utilization of student journaling within the project.

**ACTION:**

- Dr. Mark Duplissis motioned for approval of the RISE High School Capstone Elective Credit
- Senator Linda Lopez seconded
- Unanimously approved at 12:17

**G. Presentation & possible adoption of Policy for Pass/Fail Modification for Special Education Students**

This modification applies to a small population of students who have significant needs but either decline or do not qualify for placement in AZVA's self-contained program. The process for qualifying for this modification was discussed.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez stated the option of pass/fail for this group can be positive; adding that pass/fail has been utilized by many schools during the COVID-19 school closures.

**ACTION:**

- Senator Linda Lopez motioned for approval of the Policy for Pass/Fail Modification for Special Education students
- Gabrielle Helmandollar seconded
- Unanimously approved at 12:21

**H. Presentation & possible adoption of SY20-21 'I Understand' Statements**

Kelly Van Sande read and discussed additions to this document that address school's transition to a web-conferencing platform for instruction. Newrow allows for students and staff to utilize webcams regularly.

Senator Linda Lopez and Dr. Celestino Fernandez commented that the dress code specifications were new but applicable to web-conferencing platforms.

**ACTION:**

- Senator Linda Lopez motioned for approval of the SY20-21 'I Understand' Statements
- Gabrielle Helmandollar seconded
- Unanimously approved at 12:24

**I. Presentation & possible adoption of SY20-21 Prop 301 Plans (Teacher/Ancillary)**

Sarah Alexander presented the Proposition 301 performance pay plans for SY20-21.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked if teachers were happy with the plans. Sarah Alexander explained the connection to core data and practices. Kelly Van Sande explained that a task force of staff who receive Prop 301 helped to develop these models several years ago.

Dr. Mark Duplissis inquired about the average payout for teachers. Kelly Van Sande stated that a full payout is 10% of the staff members' salary.

**ACTION:**

- Senator Linda Lopez motioned for approval of the SY20-21 Prop 31 plans
- Dr. Mark Duplissis seconded
- Unanimously approved at 12:29

**J. Presentation & review of Fiscal Year 2021 Budget**

Mike Ronquillo presented the FY2021 budget describing projecting enrollment, expense and revenue breakdowns, student base funding, and the percent specific spending increased or decreased from FY2020

Senator Linda Lopez asked whether the school suspected that an increase in enrollment was connected to COVID-19 situation. Kelly Van Sande explained the factors included in projecting enrollment; schools are seeing steady enrollment but not a surge at this point. Kelly Van Sande elaborated on use of new CARES funding. Funding will support another social worker, expanding summer school, and expanding ability to provide students computers. Additionally, plans to move forward with in-person Blended Learning centers were discussed.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez stated Governing Body would not be taking action on the FY21 budget until the following meeting (July 6, 2020 at 10:00am). An opportunity to ask additional questions or provide comments was offered.

**K. Adjournment**

Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked if there was any additional business. No new business was presented.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 12:45