



RISING LEADERS ACADEMY

Governing Board Minutes – June 3, 2015

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A public meeting of the Governing Board was called to order by Dr. Eren Ozgen, President, at 12:00 p.m.

Other Board members present included: Mrs. Chelsea Holmes, Mr. Osama Albibi, Dr. Ahmed Rezk, Mr. Todd Zaborski, Dr. Ahmed Baker, Mr. Tarone Watley

Administrative staff present: Mrs. Suha Jaber, Principal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of April 23, 2015 were unanimously approved by the Board.

Attorney Raymond Steinbrecher on the purchase of the facility agreement:

Attorney Raymond Steinbrecher informed the Board that he contacted the School Board Attorney Franklin about the purchase of the school. Mr. Steinbrecher informed the Board that after reviewing the School Board Minutes, Mr. Franklin, is in agreement that 50% of the school rent will go towards the purchase. However, after reviewing the minutes, Mr. Franklin said that the 50% credit is after 5 years. Mr. Steinbrecher said that the district and School Board Attorney should be able to correct the contract to include that 50% of the rent will go towards the purchase of the facility. Mr. Steinbrecher said that he agreed with Mr. Franklin to get back with one another about purchasing the facility before 5 years so RLA can start receiving Capital Outlay before 5 years.

SAC Approval Presentation

Suha Jaber presented the SAC Approval Exit Report powerpoint presentation presented by AdvancED. From the powerpoint, the Powerful Practice is:

Rising Leaders Academy employs efforts to regularly engage families in meaningful ways in their children's education and keeps them informed of their learning progress. (3.8)

Another Powerful Practice stated:

The principal and staff are committed to a culture that is based on shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning and supports challenging, equitable educational programs and learning experiences for all students that include achievement of learning, thinking, and life skills.

Another slide includes RLA's External Review score compared to the national AEN score:

	Domains	External Review	AEN
A	Equitable Learning Environment	3.26	2.68
B	High Expectations Environment	3.33	2.81
C	Supportive Learning Environment	3.67	3.05
D	Active Learning Environment	3. 71	2.95
E	Progress Monitoring and Feedback Environment	3.36	2.76
F	Well-Managed Learning Environment	3.76	3.11
G	Digital Learning Environment	1.98	1.88

The accreditation stated the following Improvement Priority:

Design and implement a systematic, inclusive, and comprehensive process to review, revise, and communicate the school purpose and direction that will make the necessary adjustments to the ever changing population growth of the school.

The accreditation also providing the following Opportunity for Improvement:

Develop and implement support services to meet the physical, social, and emotional needs of the student population being served.

Another slide included the IEQ Results:

Domains	External Review IEQ Score	AE Network Average
Overall Score	289.74	282.79
Teaching and Learning Impact	309.52	274.14
Leadership Capacity	290.91	296.08
Resource Utilization	242.86	286.32

The External Review Team recommends to the AdvancED Accreditation Commission that the Rising Leaders Academy earn the distinction of accreditation by AdvancED for a five-year term that expires June 30, 2019.

- Improvement Priorities must be addressed within two years
- Beginning of a journey of improvement
- Deliberate and strategic actions to ensure that every child, *every day is being prepared and achieving success for their future*

Mr. Todd Zaborski: Handbook

Mr. Todd Zaborski suggested the RLA Board create a handbook with Board policies and procedures, which will be helpful for new members and goes over the board election process in detail.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No action needed