

Minutes of the Meeting
The Davidson Academy Governing Board
Feb. 19, 2019

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Governing Board was called to order at 2:01 p.m. in the Tahoe Room of the Davidson Academy of Nevada located at 1164 N. Virginia St., Reno, Nevada, 89503.

A. Roll Call

Roll call was completed by the Chair of the Meeting, Bob Davidson. Roger Davidson, Mark Herron, Annette Whittemore, Dr. Marc Johnson, Richard Trachok and Colleen Harsin were present. Brian Krolicki and Roger Davidson joined the meeting by conference call. Traci Davis was not present.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Bob Davidson welcomed Board members present. He introduced and welcomed new Board member Richard Trachok. Mark Herron introduced Legal Counsel for the Davidson Academy, Ann Alexander, who attended the meeting.

C. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

D. Approval of Minutes for Meeting of Nov. 5, 2018

Bob Davidson requested approval of the minutes for the meeting of November 5, 2018 under Tab 1 of the Board book (incorporated herein by reference). Motion was made and seconded for approval of the minutes as submitted. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Agenda

Bob Davidson requested approval of the Agenda as submitted to the Board. Motion was made and seconded for approval of the meeting Agenda. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Reports

1. Academy Director

a. General Program Updates

Davidson Academy Director, Colleen Harsin, noted that applications are open with 17 new students accepted to date. Nine applicants recently completed assessment and 66 further applications are in review. It is projected that at the conclusion of the admissions review process for the 2019-2020 school year that the students not returning due to graduation will be replaced and enrollment may increase by a few additional new students.

Ms. Harsin referred to Tab 2 (incorporated herein by reference) with a press release announcing current student, Morgan Heath-Powers receiving a U.S. Senate Scholarship via a state-wide competition run through the Nevada Department of Education. Ms. Harsin also noted a summary of Davidson Academy students who are Scholastic Art Award recipients 2018 for Northern Nevada Region. Additionally she reported Davidson Academy students who U.S Presidential Scholar Nominees; one addition is Nikesh Mishra whose name did not appear on the initial release due to his ACT scores not being properly recorded. Ms. Harsin also confirmed that all Davidson Academy 2019 National Merit Semifinalists are now considered finalists.

Mark Herron reported that the Nevada Legislature was in session and that 15 Bills are being tracked for the Davidson Academy with the assistance of Alfredo Alonso. Of these bills only one mentions the Davidson Academy specifically. Other bills are more specific to state charter schools of which the Davidson Academy is not included.

Ms. Harsin confirmed that she will be submitting the March 1 report to the Legislative Counsel Bureau and a Civil Rights Report by April 26th. She will be submitting the Alternative Calendar application to the state and has confirmed that the Davidson Academy will not participate in Digital School days.

b. College Planning Updates

Ms. Harsin referred to Tab 3 (incorporated herein by reference) with the summary of Class of 2019 College Application, Early and Rolling decisions.

2. Director of Online Learning

Stacy Hawthorne, Director of Online Learning, referred to Tab 4 (incorporated herein by reference) with a Davidson Academy Online board update. Bob Davidson and Ms. Hawthorne explained the differences between the Davidson Academy Reno campus and Online learning option. Ms. Hawthorne reported several upcoming events, including virtual open houses, multiple in-person events throughout the country, ScholarSearch Educational Forums and conferences. There remains a focus on recruiting events to increase enrollment for the Online campus with direct campaign to current Davidson Yong Scholars and students on the East Coast of the United States. Challenges faced with expanding enrollment are an approximate national cohort of 4000 potential students that would be eligible for enrollment, outreach to the target population and perception of instructional time of online learning. Her goal is to have a minimum of 50 students enrolled in Davidson Academy Online for the 2019-2020 school year. Two new students have been accepted and nine are completing assessment. As part of her outreach and recruitment efforts Ms. Hawthorne shared with the Board a recently created video specific to Davidson Academy Online that will be posted to YouTube.

3. Media and Outreach

Colleen Harsin referred to Tab 5 (incorporated herein by reference) with the Media and Outreach summary, including: recent media articles in *3 News Las Vegas*, *ThisIsReno*, and *eLearning Inside*; social media links; and, event and conference attendance numbers and dates.

G. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received by the Board for this meeting.

H. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public at this time.

I. General Business

There were no General Business received by the Board for this meeting.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board in public meeting, motion was made and seconded for adjournment; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.



Respectfully submitted by Colleen Harsin, Clerk of the Board