Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

EDUPRIZE SCHOOLS
580 W Melody Lane
Gilbert, AZ 85233

February 13, 2025

Members in attendance:
Seth Klempner (virtual)-*joined at 1:14 pm*
Carrie Larson (virtual)
Monika Calamita

Non-Members present:
Michael Gordon-Smith
Jennifer Murphy
Robin Yeargain
Bryce Solberg
Maria Rosetti
Dixie Marshall
Jason Wojciechowski
Sam Watters
Chrissy Jeziorski

The meeting was held per posted agenda on our webpage and as posted in the foyer at 4567 W. Roberts Road, Queen Creek, AZ and 580 W. Melody Lane, Gilbert, AZ.

1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order by Monika Calamita at 1:06 pm.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   The minutes from the prior Board of Directors meetings held on 1/9/25 and 1/30/25 were reviewed. *A motion was made by Monika Calamita to approve the minutes as presented, and Carrie Larsen seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, with Carrie Larson and Monika Calamita in favor. None opposed.*

3. **Consideration of Principals' Reports**
   a. J. Murphy reported that the Cornhole Team took 2nd in State, and the Open Basketball Team is ranked first in the division, with AJ Thomas voted Player of the Year for the 4th year in a row, and Coach Ashton voted Coach of the Year for the 4th year in a row. AJ is 47 pts away from the state record. The Varsity Basketball Team is 2nd in the region, 1 win away from state finals. Registration is opening soon, with an updated course catalog. Teacher Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) are getting ready for state testing.

   b. R. Yeargain reported that Azella testing has begun, with 60 students in the district to test, and 5 field-test students for the State. Teachers are working on test preparation and filling in holes from scores. This quarter is all prepping for testing. Boosterthon kick-off is on Feb 26, and the Fun Run will be on March 6th and 7th. Kindergarten Roundup is coming up. Project Ex is this weekend, and Parent Teacher Conferences are taking place this week.

c. B. Solberg reported that Project Ex just came back, the Father Daughter sock hop dance is coming up, as well as the Mother Son Game event. Test prep is going on, and sports are going strong.

d. PTO reported that they have a new treasurer, approved in the Board Meeting, and the budget is on the website now. The Executive Committee is in place again, and many smaller committees are part of this. Upcoming events include the elementary and JH Valentine's dances and the family Peter Piper night. They are gearing up for Boosterthon, and hoping to exceed their goal. PTO will host a free family outdoor movie night in April. They are also planning May's teacher appreciation week, water day, senior activities, and prom.

4. **Consideration of Superintendent Report**

Michael Gordon-Smith introduced the new marketing director, Jason Wojciechowski. He is working on updating the school website, and increasing and bettering our social media presence and scores. He is also working with S. Cunningham and N. Brunk to make it easier for parents to apply, and for us to follow-up and track their status and information.

a. Full-Time PreK: The proposal is not ready to present at this time. MGS will complete the proposal and the Board can meet virtually for approval at a later date.

b. Adoption of Subject for EOI: EOI is currently using Edgenuity, and MGS proposes replacing Edgenuity with Subject. The costs would be lower, and Subject provides its own teachers, as well as being Cognia certified and NCAA approved. Currently the EOI charter says we have to meet with kids at least once a day, but Subject would manage that, so MGS recommended trying to amend the charter. Larson stated that she believed there is a March 9th deadline, so we need to check the timeline.

Monika Calamita made a motion to move forward with the amendment process for the EOI charter, and the implementation of the new Subject software. Seth Klempner seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, with Seth Klempner, Carrie Larson and Monika Calamita in favor. None opposed.

c. Chromebook Fee: Both the Gilbert and QC campuses need a significant increase in chromebooks for testing. A large number of our current chromebooks are outdated and cannot update to use the software the State requires for testing. We need a sustainable way to fund and replace chromebooks specifically. MGS proposes replacing the LIFE Fund fee with a new Educational Enhancement fee, which will cover field trips and technology costs, if applicable. If families pay the fee by the end of the school year, it will be $75, after that it will be $100. The ECA tax credit still applies to the new fee, but the number and/or types of field trips may need to be reduced, as costs continually increase. MGS also talked about the security risks of allowing students to bring their own devices to school, and this will not be allowed next year.

Monika Calamita made a motion to approve the new Educational Enhancement Fee for $100 for the 2025-2026 school year, with the $75 fee if paid by May 23rd. Seth Klempner seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved, with Seth Klempner, Carrie Larson and Monika Calamita in favor. None opposed.

d. High School Employment: Contacts will be going out on Friday. MGS is meeting with staff, as needed, to discuss.

5. **Review of Financial Reports**

   A motion was made by Monika Calamita to approve the financial reports as presented to the board, and Seth Klempner seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved with Seth Klempner, Carrie Larson and Monika Calamita in favor. None opposed.

6. **Approval of Expenditures and Disbursements**

   A motion was made by Carrie Larson to approve the expenditures and disbursements as presented to the board, and Monika Calamita seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved with Seth Klempner, Carrie Larson and Monika Calamita in favor. None opposed.

Call to Public: None

A motion was made by Monika Calamita to adjourn the meeting, and Carrie Larson seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved with Seth Klempner, Carrie Larson and Monika Calamita in favor. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm by Monika Calamita.