

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

4949 W. Indian School Road – Phoenix, AZ 85031

September 1, 2010

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board Chairman Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:10pm. Board Members present were Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Joe Holcombe, and Frank Straka. Ray Malnar teleconferenced in. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Chris Cook, Barbara Thompson, Dean Petersen, John Mulcahy, Cliff Migal, Adriana Alvarado, James Brown, Diane McCarthy, Arlene McLaughlin, Paul Johnson, Tony Maldonado, Brian Capistran, Elena Sobampo, Michele Bush, and Dee Markham.

Dean Petersen led the Pledge of Allegiance and afterwards a moment of silence was observed for those dear to our hearts.

2. Joe Holcombe made a motion to approve the consent agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Tony Maldonado, CTE Director at Paradise Valley Unified School District, gave a presentation on the CREST Program. CREST is the Center for Research in Engineering, Science and Technology and is located at the Paradise Valley High School campus. With an enrollment of 104 freshman students, this facility opened in August of 2010 and houses one biotechnology laboratory, one sustainability laboratory, two outside learning environments, two engineering classrooms, a prototype fabrication laboratory, and a presentation classroom. The students in this program design and lead their own projects in biotechnology and real-world issues. CREST was made possible by a grant from the City of Phoenix, West-MEC, Paradise Valley School District, and the Foundation for Public Education.
4. Legislative Liaison Diane McCarthy relayed the information that she, Joe Holcombe, and John Atkins went to the Arizona School Board Association Conference where they discussed the items that were to be included on the political agenda. She presented ten legislative action priorities to the Governing Board for adoption. The Board directed Diane to submit these ten legislative action priorities on behalf of West-MEC.
5. Public Relations Coordinator Chris Cook showed the Governing Board the new features on the website such as the supporters, functionalities, professional development, and counselor sections. Room 411 has been enhanced with the career-acters tree signifying West-MEC planting seeds to build student's careers. He demonstrated the new 3-D poster and handed out information that will be given out in the career fairs
6. Professional Development Director John Mulcahy presented to the Board the 2010 Fall Professional Development Course and Workshop classes. He also told them who the instructors are who will be teaching these courses. Michele Bush stated that 6 courses were approved through the Arizona Department of Education with an equivalent of 13 credits. The summer internship credits will be posted within the next two months. Costs are approximately \$25/credit hour. The credit opportunities are through Arizona Department of Education and Rio Salado. Professional Development is open first to West-MEC District Members, then later to other districts.

The Think Tank has been put together for Professional Development for West-MEC and for West-MEC Local Directors. This will provide participants the opportunity to anticipate trends, whether they be in teaching, learning, sociology, or adolescent development and to respond to those trends in a strategic manner. The first Think Tank is scheduled for 9-15-10.

7. Greg Donovan said all our CTE Programs are off to a great start. As a result of a situation at one of the high schools last week, James Kaltenbach wanted to know protocol for West-MEC. This protocol will be reported back in a future meeting.
8. James Brown reported that construction is going very well at the Glendale Corporate Center. The second level is 95% sheetrocked and the electrical inspections have passed. Paint should be applied on the walls next week. The lower level electrical trenches have been cut and electrical inspection has also passed there. James Kaltenbach was concerned about the football parking for the Cardinal's games and wondered if that would be an issue. West-MEC is a good $\frac{3}{4}$ mile away so that shouldn't be an issue. West-MEC is on target for its first Governing Board meeting there in December.
9. Cliff Migal reported that West-MEC is in its second round for at risk permits for foundations for undergroundings. Another round of permits will be needed to go vertical. The concrete work has begun and the slab should be poured the beginning of October. The steel for the building will be delivered around September 14th. Right of ways, gate access, retention access, and roadways will be discussed at the next City of Glendale meeting with John F. Long and West-MEC. James Kaltenbach wanted to know about the FAA process. The 120 day rule requires that we go back 120 days from when the facility opens and that is when the FAA will step in. The FAA is mainly concerned about instructional needs; the building must be adequate size to support the number of students though.
10. Frank Straka, Chairman of the 360 Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee explained exactly what the evaluation entailed. The delivery of the Evaluation should take place the end of September with a deadline of 10-15-10 for receiving. Joe Holcombe made a motion to approve the 360 evaluation and Frank Straka seconded it with the addition of a question under leadership stating *promotes a quality educational environment in the classroom and the district*. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Frank Straka thanked John Atkins and Ray Malnar for their help on the subcommittee.
11. Future agenda items should include additional programs for next year and results of the Superintendent Evaluation.
12. James Kaltenbach made a motion to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of removal of students from the Cosmetology Program. Joe Holcomb seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
13. James Kaltenbach made a motion to return to Regular Session. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
14. James Kaltenbach made a motion to remove the students from the Cosmetology Program as discussed in Executive Session. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

15. James Kaltenbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary

