



## **EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**



January 27, 2020

### **1. OPENING ITEMS**

#### **1.1 Call to Order**

The meeting of Education Alliance Board of Directors was called to order at 4:07 p.m., in the North Star School Training Room, 5450 Riggins court, Suite 5, Reno, NV.

#### **1.2 Roll Call**

President Dave Bianchi and board members Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton (4:21), Melissa Burnham (4:16), Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Taylor Russo, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles (4:10) were present at roll call.

Members absent: Natha Anderson; Bill Fong; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; John Slaughter.

Staff included Brittani Haggarty.

Invited guests: Jeff Foss, WCSD Videographer; and Education Alliance Interns (3), Noah Walls, Jaucelyn Canfield, and Erin Higgs.

**1.03 Public Comment** No public comment given.

#### **1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda**

**On motion by Lauren Garfinkel and with second by Charles Pasillas, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the Agenda as presented.**

Yea/Unanimous - Dave Bianchi, Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Taylor Russo, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **2.01 Approval of Consent Agenda Items 2.01 through 2.02**

**2.01 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from Nov. 18, 2019**

**On motion by Debbie Biersdorff and second by Joe Cline, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved Consent Agenda items 2.01 through 2.02**

Yea/Unanimous- Dave Bianchi, Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Taylor Russo, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

### **3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION**

#### **3.01 Update and Discussion on the Structure, Programs, and Working Groups of the Education Alliance, as they pertain to the 2019-20 year.**

Kendall introduced Taylor Russo, Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce Director of Member Engagement, who will be CEO Ann Silver's designee for the rest of the year and who received Board Orientation on Jan. 16, 2020. Taylor is a 2-year participant in Principal for ½ Day, is on the board of UNR College of Business Alumni Association, and is a "super connector" in the community.

Eric Scheetz introduced EA's two P-16 Interns: Erin Higgs and Jaucelyn Canfield. Kendall introduced EA's Community and School Outreach Intern Noah Walls.

Dave Bianchi shared former EA President Colin Robertson was selected as head of the new State of Nevada Outdoor Recreation Dept. Kendall Inskip reported on the EA presentation to the WCSD Board of Trustees on January 14<sup>th</sup> thanking Dave Bianchi and Brittani Haggarty for co-presenting and EA Board members who attended. WCSD Trustees responded quite positively thanking EA for its service to the WCSD and community. Kendall noted WCSD Board of Trustee officers elected at that meeting included, Malena Raymond-President, Angie Taylor-Vice President, and Andrew Caudill-Clerk. President Raymond will be invited to a future meeting to update EA on the superintendent search if we have not received a written update.

Inskip reported Nanette Quitt is relocating to Oregon. Kendall is working on Executive Board officer positions and invited the EA Board to contact her if interested in an officer position and to share any community names to be considered for our Board. Chris Morgan suggested a potential replacement from NV Energy and Kendall indicated she was meeting with leaders and would ask.

Inskip encouraged members to attend the Reno + Sparks Chamber/EDAWN/Reno Airport Authority/RSCVA event 'Alliance' to support EA at our table promoting the Run for Education and other programs. Teachers' Warehouse events will be moved to the beginning of the 2020-21 school year.

### **3.2 Report of the 2019 Run for Education Event held on Oct 20, 2019, including financial status, proceeds, attendance, and sponsor thank you video.**

Kendall reported \$105,000 in Kids in Motion (KIM) grants were donated to WCSD schools and to date \$1,980,000 has been donated from the Run to WCSD. Corbett Elementary won highest participation numbers and highest percentage attendance and will receive an additional \$4,000 on top of the \$2,000 KIM grant. Kendall recognized and thanked WCSD videographer Jeff Foss who produced the Run for Education thank you video which was played for the group.

Charles Pasillas said planning is progressing well for next year's Run scheduled for 10/18/2020 and Kendall noted how effective the 15 Washoe County Sheriff's Office CERT volunteers were in making the event safe and said they are in for 2020.

### **3.3 Discussion and Approval of the 2020 Run for Education Budget**

Kendall provided a proposed 2020 Run for Education budget which has no change from last year since donations for items like youth medals and other donations had not been firmly secured at this date. Jill Tolles noted an error in the amount on Champion Plaques and asked for clarification on clerical support needed. Kendall noted plaques were discounted and she'll adjust the total proposed to \$50 rather than \$100. Clerical support will still be needed since the EA Secretary donated some of her time last year.

**On motion by Jill Tolles to approve the 2020 Run for Education Budget with correction on Champion Plaques to \$50 and second by Brent Boynton.** Vote: Yea/Unanimous - Dave Bianchi, Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Taylor Russo, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

### **3.4 Update and Discussion on Principal for a ½ Day, Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 which may include information related to participation by schools and the community**

Brittani Haggarty noted there are currently 71 matches but still a need for executives in the areas of: Fine Arts, Tech, Hospitality, Gaming, Construction, and Engineering. Lauren Garfinkel offered to send invites to her contacts. Landon Miller will send invites to the Museum of Art and Taylor Russo will invite UNR College of Business Alumni contacts. EDAWN has added the invite to their Executive Update newsletter. Brittani also did a KOLO Ch. 8 interview to promote the event.

### **3.5 Update and Discussion on Partner in Education PiE Champion Award Program and Nomination Schedule**

Brittani noted there are five nominations this year and PiE Champion Selection Panel will be reviewing and making recommendations based on specific criteria including length of partnership, breadth of partnership (number of schools/departments supported), depth of partnership (EA support e.g. Run4Ed, Teachers' Warehouse etc.), and Value (financial/in-kind/volunteers)..

### **3.6 Update and Discussion on the Activities of the P-16 Advocacy Council**

Eric Scheetz noted the Nevada State Superintendent, Jhone Ebert, and team will be presenting to the P-16 Advocacy Council on Feb. 3 and invited the Board to attend.

## **4. CLOSING ITEMS**

### **4.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23rd, 4:00 PM at a location to be determined. Eric Scheetz suggested meeting at a newly constructed school and Jeff Foss recommended Desert Skies Middle School. Numerous Board members requested an update on the superintendent search at the March meeting.

### **4.02 Public Comment**

EA intern Beau Oster shared his efforts on forming a UNR chapter of Camp Kessem which hosts a camp for kids impacted with cancer. Beau handed out informational flyers and asked members to consider voting for formation of the chapter – deadline to vote is 5:00 p.m. Friday. Top five universities will be approved for Camp Kessem chapters.

### **4.03 Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business, President Bianchi adjourned the meeting at 4:56 PM.

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**David Bianchi, President**

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**Date**