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Pensar Academy Governing Board Meeting
June 10, 2021
4:00pm

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Location

Pensar Academy
6135 N Black Canyon Hwy
Phoenix, AZ 85015

Board Members Present (at location):

Sandra Zupetz

Board Members Absent:

Patty Lang

Board Members Present (ZOOM):

Martin Zupetz
David Pearsall

Member of the Public Present:

NONE

Quorum: Established. Present board members: 3; Absent board members: 1.

Minutes taken by: Sandra Zupetz

Call to order of the Pensar Academy Governing Board:

Meeting was called to order at 4:04pm by S. Zupetz.

Adoption of the Agenda with a clerical correction that Agenda Item #1 is per diem is a Personnel Handbook and that Agenda Item #2 should be separate as the enrollment policy is under the Family and Student Handbook-S. Zupetz, Second-M. Zupetz. Motion passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 1:

Consideration of an increase in the per diem meal reimbursement for staff professional development trips. Motion to approve an increase to \$50 per day-M. Zupetz, Second: D. Pearsall. Motion passes unanimously.

Agenda Item 2:

Consideration of changes in the current enrollment policies outlined in the Family and Student Handbook.

Motion to approve the updating of the enrollment policy in the following five areas of the Family and Student Handbook demonstrating compliance with A.R.S. § 15-184(A), A.R.S. § 15-872, A.R.S. §15-901(A), the Arizona Department of Education's "Defining Excused Absences" G-1, and Section 504 and IDEA.

Update #1: Requiring a report card is not a condition of enrollment.

Update #2: Immunizations are not required for enrollment.

Update #3: A.R.S. §15-901(A)(i-iv) defines daily attendance. There is no statutory support for counting accumulated tardies as absences.

Update #4: "Defining Excused Absences" G-1, which states "Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-901(A)(1), excused absences are identified by the Department of Education. The Department of Education defines an excused absence as an absence due to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies, and out-of-school suspensions." Documentation can be requested as proof of an absence, but not as a condition to excuse an absence.

Update #5: Pensar Academy may ask about a disability or if a child has a 504 or IEP, BUT this should clearly state that providing the information is optional, and is intended to provide continuity of services, rather than being used for enrollment decisions. Technical assistance is being provided for compliance with Section 504 and IDEA. Pensar Academy may not base enrollment decisions on a student's disability, and cannot limit the number of students receiving special education services.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion to adjourn-S. Zupetz; Second-S. Pearsall. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm

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