NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ARIZONA VIRTUAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 38-431.02, notices is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Virtual Academy Governing Body members and to the general public that the Governing Body will hold a public meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Governing Body reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda. One or more members of the Governing Body may participate in the meeting by telephonic communications.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.2 and A.3, the Governing Body may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda or to review, to discuss and consider records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

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DATED AND POSTED this 11th day of March 2020

By Kelly Van Sude

Dr. Kelly Van Sande

Head of Schools

ARIZONA VIRTUAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Monday, March 23, 2020: 1:00 PM

Via Conference Call Line, (888) 824-5783 passcode 60328605#

5323 N. 99th Ave. Suite 210 Glendale, AZ 85305

A. Roll Call

Governing Board Members Present: Dr. Celestino Fernandez, Senator Linda Lopez, Mrs. Gabrielle Helmandollar, Dr. Mark Duplissis

Governing Board Members Absent: None

School Attendees: Dr. Kelly Van Sande (Head of Schools), Sarah Alexander (Deputy Head of Schools), Bouchra Bouanani (Title I & Gifted Coordinator), Veronica Murray (AZVA High School Principal), Michael Ronquillo (Regional Finance Manager), Conrad Michka (Senior Accountant), Sheila Schiebler (K12), Nichole Peterson (Operations Manager)

Quorum Reached: Dr. Kelly Van Sande completed roll call and called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

B. Call to the Public

Call to the Public - This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Governing Body may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01.G., action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing school staff to study the matter, respond to any criticism, or schedule

the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

ACTION: Dr. Celestino Fernandez called to public. No members present.

C. Review & possible adoption of June 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Kelly

Minutes sent to Governing Body to review in advance of the meeting. Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked if there were any questions or changes. No questions.

ACTION:

- Linda Lopez motioned for approval of the June 27, 2019 meeting minutes
- Mark Duplissis seconded
- Unanimously approved at 1:03 PM

D. Review & possible adoption of 2020-2021 school year calendars – Kelly

Kelly Van Sande explained the start dates, end dates, and differences between AZVA and Insight Academy of AZ.

Mark Duplissis suggested consideration of moving to multiple year calendar. Use of a 5-year calendar at his school has been helpful in planning and parent communication. Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked for additional questions or comments.

ACTION:

- Linda Lopez motioned for approval of the 2020-2021 school year calendars
- Gabrielle Helmandollar seconded
- Unanimously approved at 1:06 PM

E. Review & possible adoption of Handbooks Ops Manual Policy – Nichole Peterson

(Operations Manager)

Policy states that guidance and procedures in school handbooks and operation manuals are considered Governing Board approved policy.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked if this was a new or revised policy. Kelly Van Sande stated it was a new policy.

ACTION:

- LindaLopez motioned for approval of the handbooks and Ops Manual Policy
- Mark Duplissis seconded
- Unanimously approved at 1:08 PM

F. Review & possible adoption of the Math Lab Elective Credit Policy – Veronica Murray (AZVA High School Principal)

Veronica Murray described the purpose and reasoning for allowing .5 elective credit for students who participate in math lab.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez stated that this approach made sense and would be helpful to students.

ACTION:

- Linda Lopez motioned for approval of the Math Lab Elective Credit Policy
- Gabrielle Helmandollar seconded
- Unanimously approved at 1:10 PM

G. Review & possible adoption of the Student Mentor Elective Credit Policy- Veronica Murray (AZVA High School Principal)

Veronica Murray described the student mentor program and the anticipated benefits to mentors and mentees. Mentor program is through application only for 10th-12th grade returning students.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked if there was an estimate of how many students would be interested. Veronica Murray stated sixteen students currently act as mentors; HS would expect that number to double with this policy.

Linda Lopez stated is was a great idea especially with the educational and leadership pieces as well. Veronica Murray stated that this program will help to meet the goal of increasing the student-to-student element of our online program.

ACTION:

- Linda Lopez motioned for approval of the Student Mentor Elective Credit Policy
- Mark Duplissis seconded
- Unanimously approved at 1:14 PM

H. Review & possible adoption of the RISE Scope and Sequence – Bouchra Bouanani (Title I Coordinator and director of our gifted program, RISE)

Bouchra Bouanani described structure of RISE program at AZVA. The scope of sequence is a requirement for grant approval through AZ department of education and details the design, curriculum and instruction, identifications emotional learning, PD, family and community engagement, and program assessment.

Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked what percent of students qualify.

About 2% of the population qualify; currently 90 students are in RISE's second year of implementation.

ACTION:

- Linda Lopez motioned for approval of the RISE Scope and Sequence
- Gabrielle Helmandollar seconded
- Unanimously approved at 1:17 PM

I. Adjournment

Dr. Celestino Fernandez asked for an update on how school closures due to COVID-19 virus has impacted our schools. Dr. Van Sande explained closure of physical sites related to the school and cancelation of in-person events. Online schools are still operating with additional flexibility to the impact on the home environment of our families and staff. Contingency plans for instruction and other areas are in place. State assessment was scheduled to begin on March 30th, this has been

postponed due to many site closures and the fact that AZ department of education has applied for a waiver from US Department of Education for state testing.

Mark Duplissis commented that the data shows if we follow the path of other states and countries, we should anticipate another school closure extension from the Governor

A-F accountability grades will be postponed; currently Insight has a C and AZVA was not awarded for 2018-19 school year. An AOI (Arizona Online Instruction) model is now being considered by the State Board of Education. AZVA's last letter grade was a B, issued in 2014.

- Dr. Celestino Fernandez motioned for adjournment
- Meeting adjourned at 1:24