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**ATC Governing Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 24, 2013
5:30 pm Executive Session
6:30 pm Public Session
ATC Multi-Purpose Room**

I. Opening Activities

a. Call to Order

President Fox called the Governing Council (Council) to order at 6:30pm.

b. Roll call of Council members

Members present: Ms. Fox, Ms. Fagre, Mr. Lawrie, Mr. Horne, Mr. Dryden, Natalie Elliot, Susan Lumley

c. Approval of agenda

Ms. Fox moved to amend the agenda and move item III. d and item VI i. and hear the Attendance Committee Report first. Mr. Horne moved to accept the change and approve the agenda. Mr. Lawrie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of minutes from March 6, 2013 meeting

Ms. Fagre moved to approve the minutes for the March 6, 2013 meeting. Mr. Lawrie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Executive Session pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss limited personnel matters

III. Presentation/Reports

a. Attendance Committee Report

Included in the board packet.

Devin Ayers represented the attendance committee and the attendance plan being brought forth for the 2013-2014 school year. The committee's findings show that absences and

late work are intertwined. In 2012-2013 ATC implemented LAST and Saturday School to help students with poor and failing grades. Saturday School is not effective. LAST is too short of a time to accomplish anything and cuts into teachers and students lunch periods. After reviewing what other schools do, incentives appear to be an effective way to motivate students. A proposal to have early release one day a week for students who have less than three absences is in discussion. Students who have poor or failing grades and more than three absences will be divided into tutorials to provide academic support and be sure students are not missing content. For students who can not leave or do not wish to leave campus, study halls will be available.

When a student has three absences, parents will be called. Five absences will initiate a call from the CREW teacher to set up a parent/teacher conference. Seven absences will initiate a SAT meeting and ten absences will open a discussion for the possibility of withholding credit for the course. Legally, state law allows that after ten absences, the grade can be withheld.

Jennifer Ferguson provided a break down of instructional minutes.

Julie Bray-Morris discussed increased parental involvement.

James Serendip discussed continuity.

Jon Seyfried discussed reward for achievement and quality vs. quantity.

Brady Gotcher discussed the financial benefits of early release.

Andrea Gotcher discussed the benefits for SPED students in having smaller tutorials.

Overall, there is consensus with all the teachers that early release is beneficial to students.

The board decided to take time to review the proposal and take no action at this time.

b. Student representative report

Larriane Tan provided student feedback for the proposed attendance policy and the feedback is positive. Students who are not missing school and have decent grades deserve a reward. Students who miss school take time up in the classroom trying to catch them up. Early release will actually provide more time to accomplish homework for those students who strive to stay ahead.

c. PTSC representative report

Betty Canon briefly discussed upcoming PTSC activities including the plant sale, pancake breakfast, teacher appreciation day and upcoming PTSC elections.

- d. Teacher representative report

No teacher report was given. Teachers represented their thoughts in the attendance policy discussion.

IV. Principal's Announcement

- a. Transparency
- b. ATC had the April principals meeting here. Principals from all over the district visited ATC and spent time in classrooms.
- c. May 22 Graduation
- d. May 7th Awards Ceremony

V. Public Forum

Parent Sherry Griswold stated that she heard a lot of students were leaving ATC and wanted to know if it would be possible for a survey to be implemented to find out why students are leaving. School Counselor Julie Bray-Morris responded by stating that fewer students were leaving, that for the 2013-2014 school year, we are at capacity and retention is improving.

Sherry Griswold asked about the attendance policy and whether the policy refers to the absences as days or periods. She supports early release and sees this a great opportunity. She asked if community service hours could be met during the period after early release.

A parent expressed their concern about two hours a week of instructional time being lost and asked if it is legal.

Parent Chad Kiefer stated that he was initially skeptical of the six hour day after the change from block periods but expressed how happy he is to have his child attending a charter school where there is creative solving problem at work. He expressed concern for those students who fall within the median of the issue.

Parent Shanon Hale stated that her son feels disappointed with ATC and wonders where is the fun. Early release could be a motivator for him.

VI. Action Items

- a. **Approve Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) #071-024-1213-0003-I for Fund 24106**

Federal Entitlement IDEA-B, increase budget by \$67,961. This was the original allocation awarded to the ATC last summer that was never budgeted. This will now correct the budget.

Mr. Horn motioned that BAR #071-024-1213-0003-I be approved. Ms. Fagre seconded. Passed unanimously.

- b. Approve Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) #071-024-1213-0011-I for Fund 24106 Federal Entitlement IDEA-B, increase budget by \$5,156. This is to budget the final allocation awarded to the ATC in a memo from the SFPS last week.**

Ms. Fagre motioned that BAR #071-024-1213-0011-I be approved. Mr. Horne seconded. Passed unanimously.

- c. Approve Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) #071-024-1213-0012-IB for Fund 31200 Public School Capital Outlay, increase budget by \$255,342. This is to budget the award granted by the PSCOC back in September 2012. These is the budget that pays the building lease on the facility.**

Mr. Lawrie motioned that #071-024-1213-0012-IB be approved. Mr. Dryden seconded. Passed unanimously.

- d. Approve Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) #071-024-1213-0014-I for Fund 21000 Food Services, increase budget by \$26,317. This is to budget actual fees collected through February 2013 in the lunch program and to budget anticipated fees to be collected from March 2013 to the end of the school year.**

Ms. Fagre motioned that #071-024-1213-0014-I be approved. Mr. Dryden seconded. Passed unanimously.

- e. Financial Report for March 2013 inclusive of Check/Warrant activity.**

Ms. Fagre moved to accept. Mr. Horne seconded. Passed unanimously.

- f. Bar#071-024-1213-0016-T A Transfer BAR to do budget clean up within the Operational Fund. This BAR transfers budget authority from Function 1000 Object 52311 Health and Medical Premiums to Function 2400, Object 51100, Salaries Expense \$16,000, Function 2600, Object 54630, Rentals Computers and related equipment \$23,946, Function 2600, Object 56118, General Supplies \$10,000 and Function 2900, Object 58211, Tax Liability/Penalty \$54. Net effect is zero however total movement is \$50,000.**

Mr. Lawrie motioned that #071-024-1213-0016-T be approved. Mr. Dryden seconded. Passed unanimously.

g. Approve Budget for 2013-14

Ms. Fagre moved to accept. Mr. Horne seconded. Passed unanimously.

h. Approve Extension of Term Notice and Rental Agreement

Mr. Dryden moved to accept. Mr. Horne seconded. Passed unanimously.

i. Approve Attendance Policy and Procedures

No action taken.

j. Approve adoption of 2013-2014 SFPS School Calendar

Mr. Lawrie moved to accept. Mr. Dryden seconded. Passed unanimously.

VII. Council Discussion

Tannis Fox opened the discussion with the question of providing a raise for teachers. Larry Mirabal responded that PED may have a problem with it because the district is already offering a 1% raise and also that ATC does not have the reserves to do it. He mentioned that ATC already pays 14% higher than the district. Mr. Dryden brought up Domestic partnership benefits as one strategy of offering more to teachers and their families and making this a meaningful place to work.

VIII. Advance Planning

- a. Next Council meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2013, 6:30 pm; no meeting May 8, 2013
- b. Next PTSC meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 5:30 pm

IX. Adjourn

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