



YOUNG WOMEN'S PREPARATORY NETWORK

1882 Governing Board Meeting Minutes December 7, 2023

Present via Zoom

1882 Board Members

Betty Burks, Travis Hutt, Jeanne Whitman, Elise Kail

1882 Executive Director

Berta Fogerson

Principals

Delia Montelongo, Regina Arzamendi, Jennifer Elwood, Laura Doughty

YWPN Staff

Janna Burns

Minutes

- I. **Call Meeting to Order-Betty Burks, Governing Board Chairman**
 - A. Betty Burks called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.
 - B. **Public Comments**
 - C. None for this meeting.
- II. **Mission Moment-San Antonio Primary**
 - A. Principal Elwood shared a video made by her students, "Blue Jay News", YWLA Primary students who are part of a club hosted by the STEAM Instructional Coach. The news anchors change weekly in this school news program, with constructive feedback provided to improve their craft.
- III. **Approval of the September 2023 Meeting Minutes**
 - A. On Section 6, Elise noted that the budget needed to say "Midland" on the budget approval action item; Berta will amend that. The meeting minutes were approved.
- IV. **Information and Discussion Items**
 - A. **YWPN Partner Update- Berta Fogerson, Chief Academic & Accountability Officer**
 1. QuestBridge: Each of our schools had a QuestBridge match for a total of 14 across YWPN. This is the most YWPN has had. Kudos were given to Yanadira, CSA in Aldine, who supported YWLA Grand Prairie as they received two QuestBridge matches.
 2. Staffing Update: The CSA in Ysleta resigned midyear. Lubbock will name an interim principal, allowing Julie to retire. Talkington was also named a Blue Ribbon School, making it a two-time Blue-Ribbon campus. All campuses received Platinum Level Distinguished schools from the College Board.
 3. YWPN Fall Collaborative: Robust menu of topics for principals and foundation partners to engage in, including AI, SEL, and fundraising. Regina shared that the

AI session led by Janna was incredibly beneficial, and she is working to increase training for her staff. SEL is also critical, and having Kris lead the Network in SEL is appreciated and needed for our students. Laura echoed Regina's feedback, adding that she enjoyed the fellowship with Jenn and Regina, allowing them to continue to collaborate.

4. Data Analysis: Still no official rating from the state, but preliminary district calculations are that all campuses are A rated.
5. AP Collaborative: Janna has hosted AP Bio Collaborative and will host the Spring Collaborative in February.
6. Teacher Ties: A teacher newsletter Janna curates each month for teachers across YWPN, allowing them to further connect with others across the Network.
7. Alumnae Support: We had 100 requests for mini-grant support, so we're looking at increasing the budget for the next time, which is a great problem to have. We're working to provide additional funding and support for our alumnae. We've also hosted gatherings/mixers for our alumni, allowing us to provide support with networking, resumes, and job searching.
8. Additional Campuses: We're continuing conversations with Dallas and El Paso to partner with us to support two additional 6-12 all-girls campuses in those districts.
9. Betty asked about the Spring Collaborative (attendees, date), if Janna provide AI information at the next board meeting (she can), and the status of opening a school in the Valley (the district hasn't reached back out despite Berta's efforts)

B. Campus Updates- Berta Fogerson, YWPN Chief Academic & Accountability Officer

1. Midland: The 1882 partnership agreement was signed and we're moving forward. Laura and her leadership were commended for the progress that has been made.
2. San Antonio: We still don't have a signed 1882 agreement. The district is still working with a consultant and has involved all partners in bi-monthly meetings. Hoping for a signed agreement by January. Won't know if we're navigating on three more years or four more years; the district will let us know. No menu of services this year, we'll see about next year.
3. Berta commended the leadership of the campus leaders, who are doing exceptional work.
4. It was noted that administrative changes in SA have had some impact on the holdup for finalizing agreements along with the district's efforts at rightsizing.

V. Campus Financial Update-Berta Fogerson, Chief Academic & Accountability Officer & Campus Principals

A. Funding is received earlier in the year and adjustments are made later based on actual student numbers.

1. In Midland, there are regular meetings after every grading cycle to ensure we're not overspending and we're remaining on point and staying within budget. Laura anticipated a deficit and allocated part of the budget to "pay back" anything that had to be given back to the district.
2. In San Antonio, the bulk of the budget is going to staffing, leaving less money for programming. The CSA salary is now paid for 50% by 1882, 50% by San Antonio's Foundation budget. Delia provided oversight on the budget and reported that she was able to recoup her admissions officer. Delia also reported that, due to construction, some teachers are moving into portables. Demolition is continuing as planned, and Delia is ensuring teachers have the supplies they need as they

teach in a different location. Jenn commented on staff positions she used 1882 funds to cover for the current school year. Delia expressed concern that the district would be taking money from campus budgets if current enrollment didn't meet projected enrollment.

VI. **Presentations:**

A. YWLA San Antonio Secondary and Primary Campus Report-Delia McLerran, Principal

1. Secondary Report (Regina): Construction is underway and the campus is pulling together to do what is best for students. Many students were inducted into National Robotics Society, Veterans were honored with a breakfast, science students hosted a Physics Fun Fair, two students were athletes of the week, one student received second place at the Spanish Spelling Bee, middle schools had a dance in partnerships with the Young Men's Academy, they had their student-led custodian celebration, students are preparing for Winter Extravaganza, they are proud of their QuestBridge Scholars, the Virtual Science Fair is underway, and the staff winter social is coming up next week as well. Admissions are open, so they hosted families and had a great turnout, with students asking the majority of the questions, especially about the application process and construction. A single-gender recruitment fair is upcoming, and they will provide support to families. MAP testing is coming up, and they are preparing for Winter Break and the transition into the portables in January.
2. Primary Report (Jenn): Quick data overview; assessments are cumulative assessments even though they're given in December, allowing teachers to make adjustments for the remainder of the school year, and the question types mirror what students will see on standardized tests. There were gaps in math, but reading trends were good. The campus will be welcoming two sections of Pre-K for the upcoming school year. The application window moved due to school closures in SAISD; Jenn already has 46 students in the kinder application, which is higher than in previous years. Jenn showed her Instagram account, which highlights the great things happening at YWLA Primary.
3. Regina and Jenn were both nominated for the HEB Educator of Excellence Award.

B. YWLA Midland Campus Report-Laura Doughty, Principal

1. Athletics are moving forward, and the Athletic Coordinator position has been posted. MISD is adding a weight room for athletics, as well as health and wellness. The Competition Gym at a neighboring elementary school (formerly a high school) will be their "on-site" gym and she will work with the elementary principal to coordinate use. They are halfway to their fundraising goal for the year, with a number of community partners supporting the Foundation. Round 1 of applications opened today with acceptance letters going on March 4. Round 2 opens February 20 and remains open. Recruitment includes bringing elementary students from low-SES campuses to the campus, with student-led campus tours, STEM exploration, etc. Other recruitment endeavors include an enrollment video, serving at community events, a district newsletter, and video. Highlights from this year include MS UIL Academics (46 students), FTC Robotics (30+ students), Science Fair (100 students; multiple community partners volunteered), MS OAP (8 individual performance awards received), Students in Philanthropy presented at the Star in Frisco, HS UIL Congress (2nd and 3rd place to compete at state). Houses of Sisterhood started this year, giving the older students the opportunity to learn real-world skills to prepare them for the

future. Data was shown, and they are tracking a National Merit Scholar. First graduating class in May!

VII. Action Items

A. No action items.

VIII. Questions or Comments

A. Betty requested that Janna add AI to the March meeting.

B. Next meeting will be March 7 at the Primary Campus.

IX. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting was adjourned at 12:57

Video of meeting can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E2PhNTXYpb2EP1cOSmPVudKbJtb3LK4W/view?usp=sharing>

Next Meeting

March 7, 2023

Young Women's Leadership Academy – Primary Campus

401 Berkshire Ave., San Antonio, Texas

Zoom option will be available