



1882 Governing Board

June 15, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Present Via Zoom:

1882 Board Members: Elise Kail, Travis Hutt, Sharonda Pruitt, Betty Burks, Jeanne Whitman

1882 Executive Director: Berta Fogerson, YWPN Chief Academic Officer (Proxy vote for Lynn McBee)

Principals: Delia Montelongo & Jennifer Elwood (YWLA San Antonio),
Laura Doughty (YWLA Midland)

Agenda:

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Sharonda Pruitt called the meeting to order at 11:32 am.
- II. Mission Moment-** Mrs. Elwood shared the graduation speeches of the top students from Tuesday's graduation. Students shared great appreciation for their families and teachers for the support and sacrifices that were made throughout their educational journey. Mrs. Fogerson translated the Spanish version of the valedictorian's speech for the board.
- III. Approval of the March 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Berta Fogerson noted a correction adding Jeanne Whitman to the roster of board attendance. Dr. Pruitt asked for a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Betty Burks made the motion and Elise Kail provided a second. Motion passed 6-0.
- IV. Information and Discussion Items**
 - a. **YWPN Partner Update-Berta Fogerson,** , reported on the following items:
 - All YWPN graduation ceremonies have taken place with San Antonio hosting the last one earlier in the week. The YWLA San Antonio Class of 2023 has earned 22.4 million in scholarships and the number is still climbing.

- The 2022 US News and World Report results have recently been re-highlighted in a news article acknowledging the YWPN schools as some of the top performing schools in the state and the nation.
- A principal for the Ann Richards School in Austin has been named. Lubbock ISD is still undergoing a search to name a principal for that school.
- The YWPN Summer Leadership Collaborative will take place in late June for principals and assistant principals. School leadership teams will come together to learn, share best practices, and plan for the coming year.
- Preliminary accountability data is being gathered and a full report will be made available once the state releases final data later in the summer.
- YWPN awarded \$14,000 to YWPN teachers through the Educator of Excellence program. Teachers with three years of experience or more at a YWPN school are eligible to be nominated by the campus principal. They complete an application and undergo an interview process. The selection committee then names a winner, two finalists, and 5 semi-finalists to receive a monetary award. The Educator of Excellence Award was created to validate the exceptional work of YWPN teachers as well as to promote retention of our staff.
- The Network continues to support: counselors with SEL resources and curriculum development, librarians with opportunities to collaborate, and the Campus Councils with opportunities to support DEIJ efforts in each of the schools.
- Network sponsored summer enhancement opportunities for girls include: Hammon Engineering Camp at SMU, Hockaday Leadership and SAT Prep Camp in Dallas, GEMS Camp at TCU and TSU, TWU Fit to Lead Camp, and Girls with Impact Entrepreneurship Camp.

b. School Oversight Update-Berta Fogerson, YWPN Chief Academic Officer

Berta Fogerson shared the following:

- EOY TPESS appraisal conferences are taking place and all reports will be finalized as required.
- The budget process in both districts is progressing. Conversations around final budget allocation, staffing formulas, and projected enrollment have prevented final budgets from being formalized at this time. Budget will be presented for approval in the September Board Meeting.
- The Partnership Agreements for all campuses are in the process of being negotiated as follows:
 - Midland ISD has proposed a change in the way that athletics for in-district charter schools will be addressed. Students who attend a choice campus will no longer be able to participate in UIL sports at their respective home campus. YWLA students will be provided opportunities to engage in athletics at their own campus. Discussion about timing and the opportunity to grandfather for one more year in order to give the campus time to communicate with families have been taking place. While it seems like a challenge to

make an adjustment at this point, it is the consensus of the campus leadership team and the 1882 Partners that this will be a positive move for the campus, especially as the high school component grows out. While it is obvious that the menu of sports options will not be as extensive as the comprehensive schools, solidifying the campus's own athletic identity will be a positive recruiting and retention tool in the future. Negotiations around the language allowing for another year before transitioning are still taking place as well as a request to extend the agreement for a longer period of time to allow the plans for and athletic program to come to fruition.

- San Antonio is undergoing a complete rewriting and restructuring of the Partnership Agreement. A consulting firm has been contracted to lead this work, and a final document has yet to be drafted.
- The YWLA Partnership Agreement is up for renewal this year and the work to begin that process will start in the fall of 2023.

V. 1882 Budget Updates Berta Fogerson shared that all campus budgets were expended and closed out for the 2022-23 school year. The budget process for 2023-24 has been underway since early spring. Budgets will be presented to the board for approval in September. The following information was shared with the board regarding the budget process to date:

- Several meetings have taken place to discuss staffing allocations and budget development with San Antonio ISD. The YWLA Secondary Campus budget is very lean. Due to the construction project, the campus had to reduce enrollment because of lack of space to accommodate more students. This reduced campus funds. The district also went to a standard staffing formula and the campus lost district funding for several positions that had to be covered with 1882 dollars leaving limited 1882 funds for programming. YWLA Primary is in a better financial situation at this time, but some positions were also absorbed by 1882 funds.
- The YWLA Midland budget is being developed pending enrollment. Conservative projected numbers are being used for the calculation of funds so that we are not in the situation of having to pay back dollars once the budget is set. A significant amount of 1882 funds have been set in a discretionary line item until salary increases are calculated, and the accurate enrollment is set.

VI. Presentations

a. YWLA San Antonio Secondary and Primary Campus Report- Delia Montelongo & Jennifer Elwood

Ms. Montelongo and Mrs. Elwood reported the following:

- The STAAR test was redesigned for this year. YWLA Secondary data reflected that students have started to recover after COVID and the gaps are becoming narrower. For the most part, the scores in ELAR are strong and significant student growth was evident. In math, there were some identified gaps and areas of concentration that will be targeted in the coming year. However, student scores at YWLA continue to land higher than the state average. Performance standards have not been finalized by the state as of yet, so the data shared was preliminary.
- Ms. Elwood shared the MAP comparative data which serves as the best predictor of preparedness for STAAR. She applauded the work of teachers for the growth that was seen in these scores. There was campus-wide implementation of the 95% Core Phonics program and implementation has been impactful. The campus needs to grow student skill on the critical thinking component of the writing process, even though the campus is still performing higher than the district. Title money has been allocated for next year to hire both an ELAR and Math instructional coach to support students and teachers.

b. YWLA Midland Campus Report-Laura Doughty

Mrs. Doughty provided the following report to the board:

- Since the state has not yet set the passing standards for the middle school grades, the campus applied the standards used for the 2022 STAAR administration. Based on these projections, the campus performed comparably or better than the prior year. Preliminary data indicates that overall YWLA Midland performed significantly above the district and the state. Ms. Doughty noted that final and more accurate data will be provided once the state sets a passing standard later this summer.

VII. Action Items-No action items were addressed.

VI. Questions & Comments

VII. Meeting Adjournment

- Dr. Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Next Meeting:

September 7, 2023

Via Zoom:

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