



YOUNG WOMEN'S PREPARATORY NETWORK

1882 Governing Board Meeting Minutes December 5, 2024

Present via Zoom

YWPN Staff

Berta Fogerson

1882 Board Members

Elise Kail, Betty Burks, Sharonda Pruitt, Jeanne Whitman, Stephanie Hawke

Campus Administrators

Delia Montelongo, Laura Doughty

District Administration

Geta Mitchell (MISD)

Meeting Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order

Betty Burks, Governing Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:32.

II. Public Comments

No public comments were made at this meeting.

III. Mission Moment: YWLA Midland

Mrs. Montelongo highlighted the innovative work at YWLA Primary San Antonio. She shared a video of students applying problem-based learning strategies to their school projects. Also, highlighted in the Mission Moment was the celebration of a \$125,000 grant for extended learning experiences through the Gardopia and Community Garden initiative..

IV. Approval of the June 2024 Meeting Minutes

Betty Burks called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2024 meeting minutes. Motion was made by Jeanne Whitman and seconded by Elise Kail. Motion carried 6-0.

V. Information and Discussion Items

- a. **YWPN Partner Update-** Berta Fogerson, Chief Academic Officer for Lynn McBee CEO

- a. *Things are going well at the Network*
- b. *Two new schools are up and running and YWPN has a total of 12 schools across the state*
- c. *Questbridge- QuestBridge released the results of the 2024 QuestBridge National College Match, a program that connects high-achieving high school seniors from low-income backgrounds with full four-year scholarships to 52 of the nation's top colleges. Out of over 25,500 applicants, QuestBridge selected 7,288 Finalists to be considered for the QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship (Match Scholarship). This year, QuestBridge's 52 college partners matched with 2,627 Match Scholarship Recipients. This is the highest number of Match Scholarship Recipients to date for QuestBridge.*

QuestBridge Applications: 25,500

QuestBridge Finalist: 7,288

QuestBridge Matches: 2,627

YWPN Applications: 64

QuestBridge Finalist: 15

QuestBridge Matches: 8

YWPN had a 53% Match rate to those who were Finalists!

School: Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership Academy

Principal: Yvonne Rojas

College Success Advisor: Erika Gonzales

- *Boston College*
- *Emory University*
- *Rice University*
- *University of Chicago*
- *Wellesley College*

School: Young Women's Leadership Academy at San Antonio

Head of Schools: Delia Montelongo

Principal: Priscilla Alfaro

College Success Advisor: Ashley Cash

- *Boston College*
- *Yale University*

School: Young Women's Leadership Academy at Yselta

Principal: Malinda Villalobos

College Success Advisor: Pete Bralich

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

- a. *YWPN Audit has been completed and approved by the YWPN Board; we have a clean audit reflecting a sound and stable non-profit standing. The audit has been submitted to both districts for accountability purposes.*
- b. *Midland Budget Reconciliation*
 - a. *Deficit from last year has been reconciled with the district*
 - b. *Better projections on enrollment this year*
 - c. *Meeting with the district to discuss*
 - i. *Financial challenges*
 - ii. *Use of 1882 funds*
 - iii. *Unfunded District responsibilities- Math/Science teacher incentive pay, attendance pay, beyond district competition expenses, graduation costs, Principals Incentive allotment*
 - iv. *Informative meeting was held with District officials-discuss dollars invested in portables, startup costs, school just coming to fruition, MOU, etc.*
 - d. *A letter was sent to the Network about working within the budget and offering their help and support*
- c. *San Antonio Budget Goals-*
 - a. *Meeting was held with the district earlier in the semester. We are operating over budget and the district discussed taking steps to gradually decrease the deficit over the next few years*
 - b. *Conversations were had around recruitment practices and vetting processes that will now take place after the lottery is held.*

VII. Presentations:

a. YWLA San Antonio Secondary and Primary Campus STAAR Performance Report-Delia McLerran, Principal

Head of Schools Delia Montelongo presented the following topics:

- *Advanced Placement performance predictions*
- *Support for achievement through AVID programming*
- *STARR interim data-Masters level performance is higher in reading than in math*
- *Mid-year assessment data showed that YWLA secondary doubled the district average in both Meets and Masters performance levels*
- *The campus received two Questbridge matches*
- *Texas Women's Bar Association donated \$50,000 to fund half the salary for the College Success Advisor*
- *After school peer tutoring programs*
- *PTSA has doubled in membership*
- *Problem-based learning projects have been very successful at the primary campus*
- *District formative assessment data for Primary has been used to identify and target areas of growth*

- *Interim assessment data indicates top performance in Reading highlighting ELAR as an area of strength*
- *Challenges and target areas include:*
 - *Focus on students who are at risk of not performing at the passing level on STAAR*
 - *Students who are at risk of not scoring a 3 or higher on an AP exam*
 - *Use of AI in the classroom*
 - *Summer Camp options*
 - *Recruitment efforts*
 - *Increase parental involvement at primary*
 - *Personnel changes-Nutrition and health assistant*
 - *Financial Challenges with the funding for the second counselor currently on staff*

b. YWLA Midland Campus STAAR Performance Report-Laura Doughty, Principal

Principal Laura Doughty presented the following information:

- *US News and World Report Named YWLA Midland #15 of the highest performing schools in the nation*
- *The fall PSAT/NMSQT scores show that the school outperformed the state and the district in every grade level*
- *Speech and Debate:UIL Congress team advanced to state competition*
- *Choir and Orchestra were named All-Region performers*
- *One student earned a perfect ACT score*
- *YWLA has a National Merit Semi-Finalist*
- *26 out of 30 seniors have received 67 acceptances to various universities and have earned to date over \$1 million in scholarships.*

VIII. Action Items

No action items addressed.

IX. Questions or Comments

No additional questions were asked at this time.

X. Meeting Adjournment

Betty Burks adjourned the meeting at 1:05.

Next Meeting:

March 6, 2025

Location: (Zoom option will be available)

Young Women's Leadership Academy at Booker T. Washington
180 E. Wall St.
Midland, Texas