



**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EAGLE SOUTH MOUNTAIN CHARTER, INC.**

**Date and Time: Tuesday, August 16, 2016, 5:00-7:00 PM**  
**Location: EAGLE College Prep Elementary School**  
**2450 W. South Mountain Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85041**  
**Building 1, Conference Room**

**Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM

**Present:**

Armando Portillo, Member  
Matt Fryberger, Chairperson  
Susan Rojas, Secretary

**Excused:**

Carlie Back, Vice-Chairperson

**Staff Present:**

Crystal Danzy, Principal  
Steve Inman, Regional Executive Director  
Zeus Rodriguez, OpenSky Education

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence**

**Call to the Public**

Members of the public were present however, did not request to address the board.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

The July 5, 2016 meeting minutes were sent out via email to Board members prior to this meeting for review and approval. Hearing no objection to the minutes as drafted, they were approved via consent.

**Principal's Report**

Principal Danzy updated the Board that it has been a great start to the new school year, there is a lot of positive energy and parent participation. There are a lot of opportunities for parents to get involved such as the PTA and in the classrooms. A Parent Rep is being selected for classrooms/ grade levels to help increase communication.

There is an increased focus this school year on Professional Development for the teachers and staff. EAGLE South Mountain is participating in the Quality Schools Program which is a three

year program that includes professional development, onsite coaching, Galileo Testing and other support for the school. Principal Danzy reported that it has been very well received. There is a very intentional focus on teamwork and the five (5) L's and the three (3) C's.

### Upcoming Events

- August 31<sup>st</sup> – Progress Reports go home
- September 5<sup>th</sup> – Holiday, no school
- September 6<sup>th</sup> – Out-of-Uniform day, red-white-blue colors
- September 9<sup>th</sup> – Clean up the World Day
- September 16<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Talk
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – PTA Round Up

Mr. Fryberger asked if the Google Calendar is being used or what primary form of calendar updates has been decided on. Forms of Communication, including the google calendar to be included on the September Agenda.

### AZ Merit Scores

Reviewed a matrix showing the EAGLE South Mountain scores and the State Average scores in ELA and Math on the AZ Merit Testing. Reviewed the % by grade level. Discussed that EAGLE South Mountain will be adding one more benchmark test during the year, Galileo Test, to help by providing another indicator of how the scholars will perform on the AZ Merit Tests.

Discussed that EAGLE SM needs to get a policy in place that ties Scholar behavior and academics to approval to play Athletics and be involved in Extra Curricular Activity. Mr. Fryberger appointed Mr. Portillo to represent the board as part of a committee to draft the policy for review at the next board meeting. Discussed allowing approximately one week for legal review.

Reviewed current enrollment numbers for the 2016-2017 school year. Current enrollment is at 723, the capacity is 743, the budget was based on 690 students. Principal Danzy updated the board regarding the wait list by grade level.

Conversation in the enrollment discussion mentioned ELL classrooms, the Board may need to establish an ELL policy similar to the SpEd policy regarding schoolwide capacity for the program.

### Regional Report

Educational Enterprises, Inc. changed its name to Open Sky Education on July 1, 2016, Mr. Inman showed a promotional video.

FY16

- Academics
  - As a region, the Charter School Growth Fund Academic goals were met for both Mathematics and English Language Arts
- Finance & Operations
  - All four Arizona sites are on target to meet their Financial goals for Net Income

- Annual Financial Reports are being finalized with fixed asset entries and will be followed-up by Open Sky Board Review & completed external audit

## FY17

- Key Initiatives Leading into the School Year
  - Open Sky Education People Development effort aimed at defining key competencies for continued development of key leaders (i.e. Principals & Deans)
    - Professional development plans developed by Regional Director of Teaching & Learning (and National Principal Director)
    - Individual goals developed by Regional Executive Director
  - Regional leadership teams continue to review key topics
    - Principals meet weekly to discuss Education, Culture, Operations, & People
    - Deans of Students meet fortnightly to discuss Culture (& related systems)
    - Title I Coordinators meet fortnightly to discuss Education (& related interventions)
    - Operational Managers meet weekly to discuss Finance & Operations
  - Concerted Professional Development, primarily organized around implementing the educational model with fidelity
    - Engaged Arizona Charter Schools Association (ACSA) Center for Academic Achievement (CAA) to utilize their Quality Schools training
      - Modules for site leaders (Principals & Deans)
      - Modules for teachers (collective & site-specific)
      - Coaches assigned to Principals & Deans for observation & feedback
    - Held three-day, region-wide training at Grand Canyon University
      - Teachers received training on questioning strategies to enhance use of available curricular resources
      - Educational Assistants received training on engagement & behavioral strategies
      - Teachers and Educational Assistants received training on Character Formation Project
    - Each site held training on Mission, Values, and EAGLE Culture, Mr. Inman showed a video.
    - Leaders (Principals & Deans) coordinated professional development plans
    - Open Sky Education now offers a Continuing Education Plan
  - Board Development
    - Director of Advancement to assist w/ building out Regional & School Boards
      - Each site to have a parent liaison & a staff liaison

## **Adopt Family Handbook**

Discussed the handbook roll out and timing of the process to approve the handbook so it isn't rushed. The board set a goal of preparing the handbook for 2017-2018 in January for discussion at the February meeting and approval by the April meeting.

Ms. Rojas motioned to adopt the 2016-2017 Family Handbook for EAGLE South Mountain as presented to the Board. Mr. Portillo seconded the motion. With no additional discussion, a vote was called, all were in favor, the motion carries.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next regular meeting will be in September at the regularly scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm.

A general consent motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm.

EAGLE South Mountain College Prep



Susan Rojas  
20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016