

- Able to resolve the AZ diploma issue satisfactorily and the diplomas issued to the pro-bono students will stand. The AZ Superintendent of Schools has asked our staff to come and present our blended learning model. Moving forward with the development of the Annual Program Audit and other changes in AZ, as well as other states, that will be very beneficial to all sites.
- Presented at CCSA with Greg Moser – topic was scaling up for charter schools – had over 55 people in the session and was well received.
- Will be presenting the corporate overview to the Little Rock Board this Thursday.
- Budget planning and insurance meetings have started and the staff hopes to have a recommendation for the Board by the April 17th meeting.
- April 25th is Staff Appreciation Day. Administrative staff will be hosting a luncheon and board members are invited to attend.
- Linda reviewed the Strategic Planning Timeline. The next meeting will be April – 17, 2012 for Extended AdCab.

B. Site Showcase - Los Angeles

Jake Gordon, Principal at SIATech Los Angeles, noted that this is not what he had in mind for the site showcase originally but wanted the Board to be aware of what has been happening on campus since last week. Last Wednesday afternoon at the Studio Club, an off-center dormitory for seasoned Job Corps students, there was an incident where a student killed a Job Corps staff member. The incident did not involve a SIATech student or SIATech staff member but because of the close partnership between Job Corps and SIATech, the impact is being felt throughout the program. He was a retired executive from the music industry and had a passion for disadvantaged youth. The Los Angeles SIATech team is assisting with a memorial video presentation that will be shown at his funeral in Oklahoma this weekend.

The team work, commitment to our youth and the resilience of staff and students to move forward in light of the tragedy is a good thing to see. Students and staff have been very supportive of those in need. Crisis training is being provided for staff; counseling is being provided for both staff and students.

The Studio Club has been permanently closed down and when students return they will move into the Urban Campus, a new on center dormitory campus that will house all residential students. There are students who have remained on campus and the SIATech classrooms have been opened to them if they want to come in and work.

Board member Eastin suggested that condolences be sent to the family and President Tilton asked administration to follow up. Member Eastin also suggested that the Senator and Assembly member representing the LA site be contacted. She noted that there is protocol for them to request an adjournment of the legislature in memory of our fallen teacher. Ernie will coordinate with Jake and Center Director, Jackie Honore.

Linda thanked Jake for his presentation and noted that the incident reverberated throughout SIATech as well as Job Corps. Staff training was provided, and the sites were asked to update and review their site safety plans at this time.

C. Legislative Update

Ernie reviewed the SIATech Legislative Agenda for 2012. Issues that should be put front and foremost in the legislative session focus around:

Dropout Recovery Advocacy

We are front and center in the movement – making progress at all levels and seeing changes

- ACR 134 Dropout Recovery Week

- Similar to ACR 57
- Emphasis on site based events and multi-state coverage

Accountability Legislation

- AB 1668 Carter – recognize GED as transfer rather than a dropout
- AB 180 (2011) - moving to administrative action
- SB 1497 - prohibit double counting of dropouts

Funding Legislation

- State Budget
- AB 2617 require that Superintendent, State Board and LAO develop a Dropout Recovery Funding Report (weighted student formula)

Online Education Legislation

- State Budget
- AB 644 Effort to simplify Independent Study Regulation for Online Education

Legislative Horizon

Curricular Issue

ELL Standards

College Readiness

Legislative Defense

Value of Coalitions and Friends

V. BOARD BUSINESS

- A.** The Board discussed changing the June board meeting date due to the National Charter Schools Association Conference in Minneapolis the week of June 19th. The Board considered Monday, June 11 and Tuesday June 26 as alternatives and tentatively agreed on Monday, June 11. The date will be brought back to the board for approval in April.

Linda invited board members to attend the conference if they are interested. Debra will forward a copy of the conference schedule to them.

- B.** Calendar of Upcoming Events – spring graduation dates are just beginning to come in and will be updated in the April calendar.
- C.** Proposed Agenda Items for next meeting
- (a) Standard Reports
 - (b) Amended agenda for 3-20-2012
 - (c) Minutes for 3-20-2012
 - (d) Approve Independent Auditor Selection
 - (e) Approve June Board Meeting Date Change
 - (f) Closed Session – Superintendent/CEO Evaluation/Contract

D. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Board Member Haught attended the San Jose graduation and reported that he was very impressed with the compassion and passion of the staff. The kids were so excited – one student had a job already lined up and made the student speech to the group – the staff did an excellent job – so

pleased at the relaxed feeling surrounding the graduation. It is a value for board members to be able to see the results of the great work that SIATech does.

Member Eastin echoed the remarks saying she had a wonderful experience at the Treasure Island graduation.

VI. CLOSED SESSION – Not held

V. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before it, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Minutes by: Debra Anderson

Shirley Y. Bullard, Board Secretary

4-17-12
Date