

YI HWANG ACADEMY OF LANGUAGE EXCELLENCE

Minutes of YHALE Governing Board Meeting on March 3, 2022

A meeting of the Governing Board (the “Board”) of Yi Hwang Academy (the “School”) was held on March 3, 2022, at 6:30pm at 1441 Dunwoody Village Parkway, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30338. The meeting began at approximately 6:32pm.

I. Attendance of Board Members

The following members of the Board were physically present: Liza Park

The following members of the Board were present via Zoom: Marissa Le, Emile Hanam, and Ji Ma

II. Announcements

III. Welcome any members of public in attendance & take public comments

Dr. Yu

Nancy Carpenter

Amanda Maziarz

TW

Susan George

Ratnayake

Ketmayura

Esther Celestin

Michelle

Melissa Clermont

IV. Approval of previous meeting, special meeting and/or emergency meeting minutes

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes for February made by Ji Ma

Marissa Le seconded the Motion

No objections to approve the Motion

All in favor, seeing no opposition, Motion approved by unanimous vote.

V. School Policy & Operations

a. Principal report

i. February Reports

1. Principal interviewing new staff
2. Principal meeting with staff regularly to touch base/peer observation
3. Working through corrective action plan with SCSC -policies updating/working through
4. Professional development
5. Homeland security came to walkthrough to maximize security of building
6. Climate surveys done
7. Projection numbers for next year – well over 300 students

ii. Proposed Calendar

1. Mostly same as Gwinnett with some changes for parent-teacher conferences and teacher planning days
2. Last day is one day later to accommodate dates for conferences
3. Digital Learning Days are helpful for teachers to collaborate and plan
4. Discussion of incorporating teacher collaboration days as half days- need to illustrate in the calendar before we vote on the approving of calendar
 - a. Parent spoke up about half days to point out that it would be difficult to ask that of working parents

Motion to change the Digital Learning Day from April 26, 2023 to April 24, 2023 made by Marissa Le

Emile Hanem seconded the Motion

No objections to approve the Motion

All in favor, seeing no opposition, Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to approve the YHALE School Calendar 2022-2023 as amended made by Marissa Le

Emile Hanem seconded the Motion

No objections to approve the Motion

All in favor, seeing no opposition, Motion approved by unanimous vote.

- b. Reporting to the SCSC or GaDOE
 - i. Board went through first half of training in February
 - ii. Board members training for 2021-2022: Wednesday, March 23 virtually 9am to 12:30pm (second portion) Wednesday, April 13 @ Loudermilk Conference Center (first portion)
 - iii. SCSC training (2/9/22)
 1. civil rights compliance – Dr. Yu’s Principal Talks
 2. covered all sessions GCSA conf. (2/25/22)
 - a. covered all sessions for in-person
 3. PCF results sent on 3/2/22
 - a. Disputing operations section- in progress
- c. Covid/ Pandemic Plan
 - i. Review policies & procedures; new CDC guidelines & mask policy; drop off procedures, temp checks, hand sanitizer
 - ii. Discussion of CDC guidelines and what is happening in the government with mandates/policies of masks in public indoor areas

Motion to approve that masks be no longer be mandatory at YHALE; but are optional, but highly recommended made by Marissa Le

Emile Hanem seconded the Motion

No objections to approve the Motion

All in favor, seeing no opposition, Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Open public comment on temperature checks, drop off procedures, hand sanitizer

- Melissa Clermont spoke up about how hard it is and how complicated it is to get everyone in on time/traffic hold up

Motion to no longer conduct temperature checks and hand sanitizers at drop off made by Marissa Le

Emile Hanem seconded the Motion

No objections to approve the Motion

All in favor, seeing no opposition, Motion approved by unanimous vote.

- d. Lunch – Streamlining the menu. Meal Manage; Nat’l School Lunch Program
 - i. Reviewing what options there are for next year
 - ii. Will revisit at a later date to discuss the options we may have
 - iii. Open public comment on lunch – Melissa spoke up about the difference about Nat’l School Lunch Program and what YHALE has done with vendor choice at this time. Olivia spoke up about vendor options

- VI. School Committees, Support Organizations
 - a. PTO comments, remarks, report or presentation – Ami Hastings, PTO
 - i. Fundraising last night 3/2/2022 Hello Rainbow and Sweet Octopus 20% proceeds donated
 - ii. Book Fair Hello Rainbow with cultural books available
 - iii. Next spirit day – March 22, 2022, Gongcha in Peachtree Corners 50% proceeds donated DLD at YHALE
 - iv. Yearbook in the works
 - b. Committee Reports:
 - i. Facility – Emilie – building space... future rooms and summer construction;
 - ii. Marketing & Enrollment – Olivia & Ji – Open Houses; one left
 - iii. Website / social media; Enrollment for 2021-2022 & apps for 2022-2023
 - iv. Curriculum – Liza –science & social studies structure- need to review and build structure as this issue has been coming up at the open houses
 - v. Finance – Melanie/Susan – looking for another accountant for board; CSP use
 - vi. Fundraising/special events – Marissa – Plans for Children’s Day May 5, 2022 (field day/recruitment opportunity)

- VII. Old Business
 - a. Set hearing time re: gifted program issues and policies
 - b. Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 6:30pm

- VIII. New Business
 - a. Need new accountant/ treasurer
 - b. Other board members who are non-parents

- IX. Additional public comment
 - Christina Ketmayura
 - o Gifted testing starts in what grade?
 - Dr. Yu clarified that they are starting testing in 1st grade
 - o Cultural lunches are such a huge draw to the school and parents are very happy with them
 - We will work to look at all our options to figure out what we can work with

- X. Tardy /Unexcused absences policy
- 3 times tardy can be counted as 1 unexcused absence?
 - Need to update student handbook regarding the times of unexcused absences
 - Need to clarify what the cumulative hours are being missed to qualify as an absence
 - Liza will find out from GCSA – and find out about GCSA membership
 - Will review for next meeting (next Thursday) for vote
 - Dr. Yu viewing the school structure as a whole (dual language ½ day and student missing English or target language section is not equivalent to traditional school day)- need to review for stricter policy
- XI. Executive Session if needed
- None
- XII. Adjournment 9:39pm