



Phalen Leadership Academies Board Meeting Notes

October 19, 2021

I. **Preliminary**

Meeting called to order by the Board Chair at 4:33 PM on Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Board Member	Present	Absent
Marlin Jackson	X	
Kris Kingery	X	
Earl Martin Phalen	X	
Jim Phalen	X	
Dr. Fernando Reimers	X	

II. **Approval of Board Minutes**

The board voted unanimously to approve the July 22, 2021 board minutes.

III. **Academics & Programming**

- A. Earl Martin presented an overview of Phalen Leadership Academies (PLA). PLA is essentially one entity with multiple services that support the whole scholar. Summer Advantage is where we started and we have continuously grown, adding Reading Advantage, PLA University, PLA Arts & Cultural Center, along with the upcoming [Sean Cowdrey Health & Wellness Complex](#).
- B. Andrea Robinson presented the academic report and school wide goals: proficiency, enrollment and retention. Andrea gave informative updates regarding action steps, staff appreciation, NWEA testing results, network-wide data, and the utilization of Edulastic. Andrea and Jen Becker provided a thorough overview of the Reading Advantage program and Mathnasium partnership.
- C. Jimmy Swift gave an overview of the services and offerings provided by PLA University. Jimmy discussed current partnerships, enrollment goals and participant feedback.
- D. Nonzwakazi Hill provided the Summer Advantage (SA) update and informed attendees of the numerous enrichment activities that took place, and the goals and growth for SA. Summer internships were discussed and encouraged.
- E. Lindsay Omlor gave the Authorizer Report update highlighting an approximate 98% attendance rate and reviewed benchmark data.

IV. **Financials**

The financial report was presented by Eva Spilker.

The board unanimously voted to approve the financials.

V. **Open Communications**

Board members, Kris Kingery and Marlin Jackson applauded Earl and the team for their vision, mission, and efforts on combating poverty. Earl thanked them for their leadership and an amazing leadership team.

Natasha Noel personally invited everyone to the upcoming productions taking place at the PLA Arts and Cultural Center.

VI. **Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.