

Yellowstone College Prep Board Meeting  
September 5, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

Agenda:

A. Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance	Staff in Attendance
Lionel Jellins	Ryan Dolibois
Janice Character	Deidra Lawson
Valerie Williams	Maria Anderson
Arthur Bryant, II (via phone)	Melanie Brooks
David Lumpkins	Damon Gunn
	Megan Guion
	Elizabeth Daugherty

a. Call to Order: by Lionel Jellins at 12:07 pm. Declared quorum.

B. Public Comments – Meghan Guion is attending to represent faculty. Introduction of Elizabeth Daugherty, Executive Assistant to Ryan Dolibois. Action approved for her to take minutes in the absence of a formal Secretary due to Matt Barnes' resignation.

C. Approval of Minutes-

a. **Board Action:** Minutes of Board Meeting – 6/27/2019

Motion to approve: Lionel Jellins

Second: Valerie Williams

**Motion Unanimously Carried.**

D. Review and Discuss Superintendent's Report-

Presentation of Texas Education Agency Ranking for 2018-2019 School Year.

Discussion and breakdown of the TEA's findings. Discussion of comparisons to other schools with similar demographics.

Summary of Rankings-Slide Presentation. Discussion of the rating and criteria used to determine the rating.

a. Discussion of the steps taken since the ranking, how ranking and overall transparency was communicated to parents.

E. Questions from the Board: Reaction from the public-

Ryan Dolibois answered that there was not much reaction from the public but that the school was prepared to answer. The school has been very transparent with parents and will continue to be.

Student Withdrawals:

There have been student withdrawals but these have been for other reasons and none of it due to the TEA ranking.

F. Questions and Reactions to the Ranking-

a. Staff Reaction to the Ranking:

Deidra Lawson remarked that the staff was not happy about the TEA rankings but that they understand the reasons for the new goals and the work goals set for the coming year.

b. Impact on Fundraising:

No negative feedback has been received from donors or investors from a fundraising standpoint.

Discussion about the STAAR Performance, percentages and main categories impacted. Lawson discussed finer points of those demographics that were not considered in the comparisons between YCP and other schools.

Discussion about proactive plans to solve the ranking issue: Empower to Excellence initiative, incentives for staff and faculty to meet all five of the E2E targets. Discussion on how attendance impacts the financial aspect. Discussion and slides on the Differentiators.

Discussion of HR practices and recruiting and retention efforts and identify issues, partnership with Instruction Partners to maximize reading and math scores, required TEA related actions.

G. Governance-

- a. School is currently seeking additional board members. Concentrations on educational expertise and community outreach.

H. Finance-

- a. Two upcoming fundraising events:
- b. Yellowstone Golf Tournament Oct. 12
- c. Friendsgiving Brunch Nov. 12

- d. Yellowstone Academy has already raised 12.8 million to date towards its capital campaign target. Discussion on facility project, Capital Campaign and progress.

I. Adjourn: 1:26 pm

Respectively submitted: by Elizabeth Daugherty

Signed by Board Chair: Lionel Jellins