

# Center for Advanced Learning Minutes of Board Retreat

**August 24, 2022**

The Center for Advanced Learning (CAL) held a Regular Strategic Planning Work Session (Retreat) on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 in the Partnership Room of Center for Advanced Learning at 1484 SW Civic Dr, Gresham, Oregon.

## **Board Members Present:**

Robert Fowler - Board Chair

James Hiu - Superintendent, Gresham Barlow School District

Dr. Koreen Barrares-Brown, Chief Academic Officer, Reynolds School District

Dr. Al McQuarters, Vice President of Instruction, Mt. Hood Community College

Haley Lewis, Creative Director, Lewis Creative

Dr. Eddie Ramirez, DDS

Jessica Gallagher- Director, CAL

Jill Moss - Office Manager, CAL

Peter Bejarano - Director of Accounting, GBSD

## **Members Absent:**

James Owens - Superintendent, Centennial School District

### **A. Opening Items**

- a. Procedural: Call to Order at 8:15 a.m.
  - i. Meeting called to order by Board Chair Fowler
- b. Action: Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
  - i. Director Ramirez moved to accept the minutes. Director Hiu seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

### **B. Director's Report**

- a. Director Gallagher informed the board that CAL had hired three new employees for the 2022-2023 school year. Eldridge Fantroy has been hired as the Student Support Coordinator. Karen Greenleaf has been hired as the half-time Health Science teacher. Lindsey Spadoni has been hired as a full-time English teacher.
- b. Data Review - Director Gallagher shared data with the Board. Reynolds High School is the most diverse school and Sam Barlow High School is the least diverse. Our demographic data is fairly stable and is most similar to Centennial and Gresham High Schools.
- c. Update on Summer School programming - Tobin Shields provided an update on summer school 2022 programming. There was minimal enrollment for the English credit recovery program due to much more robust offerings at the home high schools. The CTE credit recovery program was more robustly enrolled. Going forward there will be much more focus on CTE courses and less on English recovery.

- d. Enrollment - A discussion of the current enrollment indicated that we currently have 552 students enrolled which would be the highest in CAL history. An overview of the CAL withdrawal process was discussed.
- e. Director Gallagher indicated that she would be sharing current data for the 22/23 school year at the October meeting.
- f. Director Gallagher introduced the Student Engagement Committee concept. The idea being that if we have earlier and better engagement with struggling students we will have better outcomes.
- g. ReCALibration - CAL's 20th anniversary is this year and Director Gallagher indicated that this is the perfect time to "reCALibrate". The need to readdress the "why" of CAL. Why does CAL exist? What does CAL offer that cannot be obtained at the home high school? A QR code to a survey was shared. This survey was shared with all Board members and will be shared with all students and parents with the idea to get information that can help answer the "why?"
- h. Peter Bejarano shared the fiscal update with the board. Information presented was from the end of the fiscal year. CAL is in a good fiscal position.
- i. Security project update was shared. Secure and Lock Down buttons were added and cameras moved to fix redundancy of camera positions.
- j. Parking Lot Update - CAL currently leases the student gravel parking lot from METRO. The lease will end at the end of the 22/23 school year. This will leave CAL (and the MHCC Bruning Center) without parking for students. Discussions are ongoing about how this will affect CAL and what alternatives exist.
- k. Director Goals
  - i. SEL - Habits, Community and Culture
  - ii. Raising academic performance of Hispanic students
  - iii. Professional Growth Goals
    - 1. The Board recommended Director Gallagher consider two goals with greater focus, than pursuing three goals.
- l. Discussion of Charter Status - In conjunction with a discussion of SIA funds, a discussion about how CAL functions uniquely as a charter. CAL is unique in the state (and in the nation) which brings up many questions. Meetings among the three Superintendents will happen before the next Board meeting.

### **C. Closing**

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.