Higher Ground Agenda February 2024

**Jansen Azarias-Suzumoto, Ramon Valadez, Ken Heeter, Alexys Rodgers, Lori Malangone, Michael Guymon, Michael Anderson**

**Michael DiMaria - Strategic Consultant**

Call to order 4:33 p.m.

January minutes (Alexys)

Committee Updates/Action Items

* Internal Committee
  + Finance Report (Ken)
    - Expenses below budget
      * Program expenses under budget
    - Governor Grant Status (Jansen)
      * Received around $300,000

Old Business

* Information Items (Jansen)
  1. Audit Update (internal and federal)
     + Internal audit - Expecting report in March or April
     + Federal audit - Required to admit audit in May at the earliest
     + Upcoming PO for accountants to complete federal audit

New Business

* Information Items /Discussion Items
  1. Director’s Reports
     + See attached files
  2. Staff Survey Results
     + Overall opinion regarding compensation is positive
  3. Title 1 and ESSER Funds
     + ESSER Funds officially ends this school year
     + Expected 20% cut in Title 1 funding
       - School districts have other means of funding
  4. 23-24 1st Semester Report
     + Overall data across all sites (<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/64d15c3be51b6177cdd8b7b9/t/65dfd2383cb4717a9ec5d35b/1709167168473/Semester+1+Report+202324+School+Year-7.pdf>)
     + Increase in enrollment and reduction in discipline incidents
* Action Items / Discussion
  + 1. RTEAZ Board Member – Clayton Hoyle
       - Motion to approve Clayton Hoyle as RTEAZ Board Member presented and passed
    2. Proposed By-law amendment
       - Motion to approve proposed By-law amendment presented and passed
    3. Ratifying POs
       - Motion to ratify the POs presented and passed

CEO's Report

**Board ask: Share the impact report and provide connections with foundations, companies etc., who would be willing to ‘adopt a school site’. Talks about expanding services in Sunnyside. Working to bring Judo elective into San Miguel HS. HG presenting in upcoming IEL conference. Discussions about potentially building another site in Phoenix. Visitor from Kansas City explored judo programs. Strategic plan updates: still focusing on diversifying funds**

**Notes:**

* (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lKJceEFX0QrSPMk6AUWJq3CBvwNGTcAtyYCq7l9KelY/edit?usp=sharing>) – Please update if you have not yet updated information

Meeting Adjourned: 5:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 27, 2024