

NEW Academy Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes
January 25, 2017

Present: Maggie Cervantes, Victor Gil, Ron Solorzano, Pat DiDonato and Brent Bradley (via phone)
Absent: Jensen, Moreno and Stotzer
Staff: Principal Todd and Principal Gould, Vice Principal Martinez, Vice Principal Guerrero
Consultants: Dr. Marta Sanchez and Irina Castillo

Ron Solorzano, President, presided over the meeting. As there was a quorum present, the following items were presented and acted upon motion duly made and seconded.

I. Meeting Called to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Solorzano. A new NACP Assistant Principal was introduced, Ms. Clara Guerrero. The Board welcomed Ms. Guerrero to NEW Academy.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Presentation on Green Energy for schools – Marika Erdely

Ms. Erdely introduced herself and shared with the board the opportunities of green technology for schools. Under Proposition 39, funds are available at the State level to apply for grants to use green energy efficient equipment to save on utility costs and in other areas. Ms. Erdely was thanked for her presentation.

IV. Minutes – December 12, 2016

Minutes for the December 12, 2016 were approved with a motion from Gil and seconded by DiDonato- Roll Call: Ayes: Cervantes, Gil, Solorzano, and DiDonato. No's: none, Abstentions- Bradley.

V. Financial Report

a. NASA and NACP December 2016 Financial Report

The Financial Reports for both schools for December, 2016 were reviewed along with the Financial Dashboard and check register and were approved by a motion made by Cervantes and seconded by DiDonato. Ayes: Cervantes, DiDonato, Gil, and Solorzano. No's: none. Abstentions: Bradley

VI. Policy and Procedures

a. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Updated –

Board was presented with the Model of Notification of Rights form, Directory of Information form and Directory Information Opt-Out Form in English. Motion made to approve all three forms by Cervantes and seconded by Gil. Roll Call: Ayes: Cervantes, DiDonato, Gil, and Solorzano. No's: none. Abstentions: none.

b. Homeless Policy Updated

The Board reviewed the Board Policy, the Support for Foster Youth: Homeless Children or Youth Policy and Homeless Education: Administrative Regulations. Motion made by Cervantes and seconded by DiDonato to approve all three policies. Roll Call: Ayes: Cervantes, DiDonato, Gil, and Solorzano. No's: none. Abstentions: none.

VII. Academic Excellence

a. Executive Director's Report- Dr. Marta Sanchez: Highlighted several events such as the hiring of the vice principal Clara Guerrero, attended and participated in the LAUSD oversight visit at NACP on January 12, 2017, participated in a tour of NACP by LA County Education/Social Services Deputy Genethia Hudley Hayes. Dr. Sanchez reported on the status of the charter petition, gave an overview of the Education Committee activities and the English Learner Master Plan.

b. NACP Principal Report- Principal Gould: Presented a detailed report on the LAUSD Oversight visit which took place on January 12, 2017. A written summary was provided for the board members. Overall, the visit was a success with positive and complimentary responses from the visitors. One recommendation highlighted by Principal Gould was that they stressed that all internal data be continually presented and reviewed by the board of directors.

c. NASA Principal Report – Principal Todd Clarified that the delay in construction was due to issues with the LA City permits. Principal Todd passed out the NASA School Newsletter. Mr. Martinez provided an overview of the TEAM/STEM/Music and Art Clubs and the visual arts and writing programs. Principal Todd announced the LAUSD Oversight Meeting on March 2, 2017

VIII. Governance

a. Governance Assessment Procedure: The assessment procedures were developed by Dr. Sanchez and Patricia Gould and were distributed to the board of directors. These were shared with LAUSD as part of the compliance procedures.

b. LAUSD Compliance and Monitoring – Certification of Board Review

Board members reviewed the NACP and NASA Certificate of Compliance Binder and approved both Certifications by a motion made Cervantes and seconded by Gil. Roll Call: Ayes: Cervantes, DiDonato, Gil, and Solorzano. No's: none. Abstentions: none.

c. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.