

NEW ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
3:00 p.m.
NACP Campus

Minutes

Present: Victor Gil, Ron Solorzano, Pat DiDonato and Brent Bradley, Bea Stotzer, and Ed Moreno
Absent: Maggie Cervantes, and Russell Jensen
Staff: Principal Todd and Principal Gould, Vice Principal Martinez, Vice Principal Guerrero, Elizabeth Marengo
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 at 3:00pm.

II. Public Comment

No Public Comment

III. Minutes- April 26, 2017– action item

Motion to approve the April 26, 2017 minutes was moved by Bradley, seconded by Moreno, Roll Call: Ayes: Bradley, Gil, Solorzano, Didonato, Moreno. No's: none. Abstentions: none.

IV. Special Presentation: Three NACP Teachers, Genein Ledford, Elizabeth Rodriguez and Jirusha Lopez, presented to the board their workshop topics at the California Charter School Association (CCSA) Conference which was well received by the conference attendees as each workshop was filled to capacity. There were two presentations.

- a. Introduced other guests: NACP Student Evaluators
- b. Presented two poster sessions presented at CCSA:
 1. The first one was to introduce teachers to effective story tellers for their grants.
 2. Workshop to train teachers on how to connect Art to Common Core. Showcased how the school climate engendered team work at NACP and how they collaborate with schoolwide with

the “one school one book” initiative. The entire school reads the same book, cycle through all the students. Presenters demonstrated by using 6 book selections. Outcomes from CCSA were to: collect cell phone batteries to save gorillas, national skyping, collection of Halloween candy for fundraising and Rise Up initiative to help homeless, After the session many teachers who attended were tagging NACP on social media and sharing how they were using what they learned in the NACP workshop.

The board thanked the staff for their presentation.

V. Financial Report

A. FY 17-18 Preliminary Budget Review and Discussion-Finance Committee Report and overview of Finance Meeting held on April 13, 2017.

Highlights of discussion include:

1. Went over NASA’s budget for next year (issues and challenges).
2. Motivation for Finance Committee meeting was the committee’s interest in reviewing the financial health of NASA
3. Committee expressed the need to consider challenges of balancing programs and resources- only have 3 ways to address budget needs: cut programs, raise money and or to expand the number of students enrolled
4. Principal Todd is working on expanding classrooms at the Prosperity Center and looking into areas where spending can be reduced.
5. CEEL budget has streamlined tier budget and now includes minimal classroom coaching but has shifted focus on the roll out of the completed EL Master Plan.
6. Irina (EXED) is working with the principals on developing the budgets. Interim Executive Director will attend meetings.
7. Principal Todd- mentioned that he has been asked to look at areas that you can reduce and cut.
8. Finance Committee Summary: Principals will be bringing their budgets with a 5 year forecast. Work to be done to deal with the budgets. Suggestion was made that we also explore grant writing.
9. Stotzer gave historical information stating that NEW initially wanted one charter, LAUSD wanted two sites, made it difficult to go the way NEW wanted. NASA was a tiered enrollment while NACP was to have an enrollment of 500 from the beginning.

10. Gil stated that we need go beyond looking at enrollment issues and review retirement plans, benefits and insurance. Sees grants as funding particular program.
11. Need to consider construction costs regardless of a new larger site or remaining at Prosperity Center
12. New funding: Prop 51- need to invest money due in June. Need to have an idea of a site. Expensive because it needs to be DSA compliant.
13. Bradley brought out the issue of Special Ed costs as increasing.
14. Bea asked that EXED develop an estimate of the costs involved in Special Ed. Option 3- there is some money and we are using it to provide services.

VI. **NASA and NACP: February, March, April 2017 Financial Reports – action item:** Motion made by Stotzer to approve reports, seconded by Gil. Roll Call: Ayes: Bradley, Gil, Solorzano, DiDonato, Moreno. No's: none. Abstentions: none.

VII. Finance Committee Report on Investment Account, information only

Finance Committee Chair, Bradley, gave an overview and reported that as of a day ago we had an increase in the securities, but we are not generating a lot of funds because funds are in a money market account. Market is fluctuating up and down.

-Question by Stotzer: What is the income? We have received about \$29,000 dollars and will get money in May and June to come to \$32,000 by June. We now have 2 million when we started with 1 million. We are keeping it in a safe place. –We are up 30,000 from where we were when we started the account.

-Gil stated that we need to tie funds to our strategic plan.

-Bradley stated that we can have the broker come and talk about the account.

-Context of the discussion on the investment account was to see if we can fund summer camp. However, IED and Dr. Todd are exploring other funding sources.

VIII. Summer Camp- action item

It was proposed that \$32,000 be allocated for Summer Camp to be funded by the earnings from our investment account.

Motion made by Stotzer **to approve proposal** and seconded by Moreno, Roll Call: Ayes: Bradley, Gil, Solorzano, DiDonato, Moreno. No's: none. Abstentions: none.

IX. Academic Excellence

A. Executive Director's Report – Dr Sanchez- information only

1. CCSA Conference and Charter Petition Update: Dr Sanchez attended CCSA conference workshops on the Charter Petition renewal process. In addition the following was reported regarding Charter Petition renewal:

-Meeting held with both school site administrators with outcome decision that school site teachers would create the preliminary petition.

-We will have YMC Attorneys review and finalize the charter petition for both schools.

2. Survey Monkey –information only

- Principal evaluation Survey Monkey will be distributed to both schools on May 5, 2017 and returned by the staff on May 19th for analysis by Education Committee.

B. EL Master Plan – Overview and Update -action item

Motion made by Stotzer to approve EL Master Plan, seconded by Moreno.
Roll Call: Ayes: Bradley, Gil, Solorzano, DiDonato, Moreno. No's: none.
Abstentions: none.

C. NACP Principal Administrative Report-Information only

1. LCAP Overview & Highlights on Changes

Principal Gould presented a comprehensive overview of the LCAP, new regulations for schools and highlighted the data points necessary for the completion of the reports.

2. Principal Gould attend the CCSA Conference and highlighted her experience.

D. NASA Principal Administrative Report – information only

1. LAUSD Oversight visit. Principal Todd distributed the school site summary prepared by IED, Principal and Vice Principal. Principal Todd will give formal overview once they receive the official response and scores from LAUSD.

VII. Governance

A. Strategic Plan and Follow up items from March 15th meeting- Board members asked for that the next meeting to be devoted to budget and strategic plan.

Operations and Oversight –Discussion

1. Principals provide simple visuals to show the academic progress.

2. What do we need to do to get to the Blue level?

3. What is the cost of developing one classroom? Irina will prepare an estimate.

4. NACP needs painting-Liz already looking into it.

5. How do we deal with the leases which will be renewed in 5 years?

6. Suggestion: Board members have a special meeting devoted to strategic planning. Date to be set at May 24th meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

A. Moreno moved to adjourn, seconded by DiDonato 6:00 p.m.