



Meeting of the Board of Directors

October 24th, 2016

7:00pm

8691 California Avenue, South Gate CA 90280

& Via Teleconference: 312 7th Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Attendance

Deena Williams	Present	Naeem Arastu	Absent
Jess Boro	Present	Rudi Bonaparte	Present
Eric Young	Present	Carmen Avalos	Absent
Tyler Thurlow	Present	Jennifer Bunn Hayden	In via Teleconference
Mark Racunas	Present		

Other people present: Carlos Alvarez-DCI, Esther Perez-Exec. Director, Samira Estila-ExED representative, PAC Vice President-Edna Almeria

Open Session

Leader(s)

1. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Williams

Attendance taken at this time, 7:03pm.

2. Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Presentation

PAC Leader

Vice President of PAC noted that Halloween wasn't wanted at the Church (landlords) so parents discussed option of having Valiente borrow the parking lot from the South Gate City (parking lot). Parent discussed a person outside of Valiente who was reportedly taking photos of the building. Dr. Perez noted that we will add security to ensure that this does not occur for unwarranted photos.

3. Teacher Presentation

B. Carvajal

Ms. Carvajal, 6th grade Math and Science teachers who discussed how the Student Government shared information about Valiente at the South Gate City Council Meeting. The students shared information about the school and what they like most about the school. Craft and design club made a plant for each city council member and the singing club sang a song at the beginning of the South Gate City Council Meeting.

4. Public Comment

D. Williams

None

5. Approve:

D. Williams

a. September Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Sept. 26 board meeting minutes by Mark Racunas

Seconded by Jess Boro

Deena Williams	Yes	Naeem Arastu	Absent
Jess Boro	Yes	Rudi Bonaparte	Yes
Eric Young	Yes	Carmen Avalos	Absent
Tyler Thurlow	Yes	Jennifer Bunn Hayden	Yes
Mark Racunas	Yes		

Motion Carries, board meetings approved unanimously

b. Board Retreat & Regular Meeting

Accidental type of Benjamin “Arastu” instead of Benjamin “Sadun”

Motioned by Jess Boro

Seconded by Mark Racunas

Deena Williams	Yes	Naeem Arastu	Absent
Jess Boro	Yes	Rudi Bonaparte	Yes
Eric Young	Yes	Carmen Avalos	Absent
Tyler Thurlow	Yes	Jennifer Bunn Hayden	Yes
Mark Racunas	Yes		

Motion Carries unanimously, board meeting minutes approved.

6. Executive Director’s Report

E. Perez

Dr. Perez gave short review of enrollment numbers. No drastic changes other than a handful of more students enrolled than the first day of school.

7. Brown Act Policies Review

E. Perez

Reviewed Basics of Brown Act. Group will review more Brown Act principles at each board meeting.

8. Academic Report

C. Alvarez

Mr. Alvarez reviewed initial data from NWEA testing. Students are definitely lower performing in Math and writing. More strengths in reading, but overall need for growth and improvement is evident based on initial NWEA tests.

9. Review: Financial Report

ExED, Inc. Representative

Samira Estilai reviewed financial report. School still can benefit and have a safer total positive balance with more students. However, school is running an overall positive end balance of approximately four thousand dollars. The school will continue to operate in a fiscally conservative manner to ensure that the school operates with a positive balance at the end of the school year.

10. Review & Approve- FY 15/16 Financial Audit

ExED, Inc. Representative

Motion to pause on approving the financial audit due to two areas that need to be updated (board term dates and 403B language)

Jess Boro Seconded

Deena Williams	Yes	Naeem Arastu	Absent
Jess Boro	Yes	Rudi Bonaparte	Yes
Eric Young	Yes	Carmen Avalos	Absent
Tyler Thurlow	Yes	Jennifer Bunn Hayden	Yes
Mark Racunas	Yes		

Motion Carries unanimously

11. Progress from Committees (Review) - Updates from Committee Chairs (if applicable):

- a. Academics, Jessica Boro - none
- b. Governance, Deena Williams - Need to discuss board term dates at next meeting.
- c. Finances, Rudi Bonaparte - none different from above financial report
- d. Facilities, Mark Racunas - Discussed options for facilities. Dr. Perez to speak with Church about leasing more classrooms at the current site. Board committee on facilities visited other possible site. Possibilities were present but very difficult to commit to without higher numbers and long term stability.

12. Board Member Communications

D. Williams

No items to report.

Closed Session

13. Employee/Personnel Matter

E. Perez

No updated employee/personnel matter to report on. No action taken.

Open Session

14. Adjourn Meeting

D. Williams

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.