



VALIENTE

COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Directors

August 21st, 2017

7:00pm

8691 California Avenue, South Gate CA 90280

Open Session

Leader(s)

1. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Williams

7:03pm Meeting called to order by D. Mangrum.

Attendance is as follows:

Deena Williams, Board Chair <i>(Present)</i>	Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>	Carmen Avalos, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>
Eric Young, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>	Tyler Thurlow, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>	Naeem Arastu, Board Member <i>(Absent)</i>
Jess Boro, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>	Mark Racunas, Board Member <i>(Present)</i>	

Also present: Esther L. Perez Ed.D - Executive Director, Samira Estilai - ExED Financial Representative, Teacher leaders present - Bridget Carvajal & Caitlyn Rafferty

2. Approval: June Board Meeting Minutes

D. Williams

Motion to approve by (Carmen Avalos), Seconded by (Tyler Thurlow)

Jessica Boro, Yes	Jennifer Hun Hayden Yes
Eric Young, Yes	Naeem Arastu (absent)
Carmen Avalos, Yes	Tyler Thurlow, Yes
Mark Racunas, Yes	Deena Williams, Yes

June Minutes Approved

3. Public Comment *D. Williams*
No public comment requested/present.

4. Review: Executive Director's Report *E. Perez*

- **New Leadership Roles & Introductions, Content Area Leads** - *Both teachers shared their current roles at Valiente and their excitement to have joined the school team.*
- **New Programs, Activities** - *Scholar agendas to support homework. New tech support program Powerschool.*
- **Enrollment** - *Lost 3 4th grade scholars. 5th grade met projection. 6th grade at 27 students. 7th grade - lost some scholars due to their family moving or families needing a school site closer to home. Implementing incentives to encourage enrollment. Concern is adding scholars to upper Middle School (7th grade).*
- **Recruitment (Current & Future)** - *SpEd students are making growths at Valiente and now more families are looking to Valiente as a community option for school choice. Anticipating a spike in cost for SpEd services due to higher SpEd enrollment. There is a positive reputation in the community that Valiente is a school that serves **all** students. Discussed new LAUSD Magnet school that opened in the community and strategies for creating a collaborative relationship with the school site and instructional team.*
- **Academic Results (Prior & Current)** - *Discussed new Academic Dashboard. From the results of the released data the academic team is focused on rethinking the testing strategy. Reading Plus is supporting the scholar's ability to have better testing endurance while supporting comprehension and vocabulary. Scatter plot data reveals that scholars are reading at a range from as low as early elementary (2nd grade) to as high as (10th/11th grade). Current suspension data for this year is at zero. No scholars have been suspended. In addition to decreasing suspension as a focus the organization is focusing on Instructional Minutes. The goal is that scholars are not being sent to the office/out of class for minor infractions.*
- **Other News/Information** - *Records request from CTA/UTLA created a need for the org to keep Procopio on retainer to support with this request. Clubs on campus have increased. Now there are 12 clubs offered with 4 new clubs being, Basketball/Karate & Debate/Forensics. The sports initiative will begin with a circuit training course. Afterschool program has 69 students and starts this Friday. Lastly, the first parent advisory committee meeting happened today, August 21, 2017. 24+ Parents had a lot of praise for the teachers and instructional program. All things shared were very positive. They love the strong bond with teachers and small class sizes. One parent was so pleased that "...Dr.*

Perez knows every scholar's name!" They feel safe having their children here and they are happy about the opportunities offered on campus especially the clubs and after school program.

6. Review: Financial Report *ExED, Inc. Representative*
Samira Estilai reviewed financial report from June 2017.

7. Approval: FY16-17 Unaudited Actual Financial Report *ExED, Inc. Representative*
Motion to approve by (Eric Young); seconded by (Carmen Avalos)

<i>Jessica Boro (Aye)</i>	<i>Jennifer Bunn Hayden (Aye)</i>
<i>Eric Young (Aye)</i>	<i>Naeem Arastu (Absent)</i>
<i>Mark Racunas (Aye)</i>	<i>Deena Williams (Aye)</i>
<i>Carmen Avalos (Aye)</i>	<i>Tyler Thurlow (Aye)</i>

Motion passes unanimously, no abstentions.

8. Approval: Spending Plan for One-Time Funds Included in 17-18 State Budget
ExED, Inc. Representative
Motion to approve by (Carmen Avalos); seconded by (Jennifer Bunn Hayden)

<i>Jessica Boro (Aye)</i>	<i>Jennifer Bunn Hayden (Aye)</i>
<i>Eric Young (Aye)</i>	<i>Naeem Arastu (Absent)</i>
<i>Mark Racunas (Aye)</i>	<i>Deena Williams (Aye)</i>
<i>Carmen Avalos (Aye)</i>	<i>Tyler Thurlow (Aye)</i>

Motion passes unanimously, no abstentions.

9. Review & Approve: Board Member Committees & Chairs *D. Mangrum*
One change made to our existing committee structures/roles listed below: Jennifer Bunn Hayden moved off Facilities Committee.

<i>Academic Committee</i>	<i>Finance Committee</i>	<i>Governance Committee</i>	<i>Facilities Committee</i>
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Motion to approve by (Mark Racunas); seconded by (Carmen Avalos)

<i>Jessica Boro (Aye)</i>	<i>Jennifer Bunn Hayden (Aye)</i>
<i>Eric Young (Aye)</i>	<i>Naeem Arastu (Absent)</i>
<i>Mark Racunas (Aye)</i>	<i>Deena Williams (Aye)</i>
<i>Carmen Avalos (Aye)</i>	<i>Tyler Thurlow (Aye)</i>

Motion passes unanimously, no abstentions.

10. Board Member Communications

D. Williams

Jennifer Bunn Hayden - Got a LinkedIn request from one of her former students. It was an inspirational story. Her former students had the opportunity to work for a former guest to her classroom. Ten years later this former student is now an intern for the same guest. Small world!

11. Adjourn Meeting

D. Williams

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:34p by Carmen Avalos and seconded by Mark Racunas. All Board Members Agreed, no abstentions.

****No Closed Session Needed at This Meeting*