



VALIENTE

COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Directors

April 25, 2016

7:00pm

8691 California Avenue, South Gate CA

Attendance

Present:

Naeem Arastu, Board Member
Mark Racunas, Board Member
Deena Williams, Board Chair
Rudi Bonaparte, Board Treasurer

Esther Perez, Executive Director
Samira Estilai, EXed Representative
Herlinda Hernandez, Administrative Assistant, Valiente College Prep

Board Members Not Present:
Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Board Member
Carmen Avalos, Board Member
Jessica Boro, Board Member

Open Session

1. Call the Meeting to Order *D. Williams*

Board meeting called to order at 7:07pm. Attendance taken as noted above.

2. Approve: March Board Meeting Minutes *D. Williams*

Board reviewed March meeting notes. Motion moved by Rudi Bonaparte, Naeem Arastu
Seconded. All present board members approved. No abstentions, motion carries.

3. Public Comment *D. Williams*

Parent, Ms. Perezoso, confirmed importance of board making decision about location options. Board noted importance of this.

4. Approve: Credit Card

ExED, Inc. Representative

Discussed importance of having a credit card on file in order to make emergency purchases to avoid Valiente staff members having to make purchases on personal accounts. Discussed the process to set up an account with Wells Fargo. Motion to approve credit card by Naeem Arastu. Seconded by Mark Racunas. Clarifying Question by Rudi Bonaparte about limit; suggestion by Board to limit credit card at approximately \$3,000. Discussed discretionary variances as outlined in fiscal policies. Motion to approve opening a credit card line with a proposed limit of \$3,000. All board members present approved. Zero abstentions. Motion approved.

5. Review: Executive Director's Report

E. Perez

6. Approve: Uniform Complaint Policy

E. Perez

Ensure that this is in both parent, student, and employee handbook. Notes for ED: Add OTHER box on Uniform Complaint Policy. Motion to approve by Naeem Arastu. Seconded by Mark Racunas. No Questions. All board members present approved. Zero abstentions, zero opposed.

7. Review: March Financial Report

ExED, Inc. Representative

BES/Walton has forgiven loan for start up of Valiente Charter. \$125,000 loan forgiven. This helps school going into next year. The estimated balance of approximately \$41,000 should be taken with positive caution as there are still some outstanding invoices from the prior semester that had arrived. Discussed costs of food and ensuring that vendor for food was quality and liked by students so that they are not going to class hungry. Question from board member, regarding funds "due to others," amount was funds that must be returned to state based on LCFF protocols. Discussion of adding a grade level and how that affects funding for next year. Good to have a strong cash balance for starting of next school year (16-17).

8. Review: Proposed 2016-2017 Budget(s)

ExED, Inc. Representative

Discussed preliminary drafts of 2016-2017 budget. Noted main differences in staying at one facility or having two facilities under Prop 39. Reviewed key differences in that one facility would allow for less staff to be hired, but two facilities would result in indirect facility costs increase (double the rent for two facilities). No decision made, just reviewed.

9. Review & Approve: Facilities Plan 2016-2017

E. Perez

Motion to stay at the current site only and not lease space under Prop 39 with LAUSD by Naeem Arastu. Parent, Ms. Perezosa added that parents would like to know how to support the school even with finding another location. Parents may be able to help negotiate for other locations as well, and they would like to know how to help but that it is important for the classroom ratio (student to teacher) to stay small. Board member Racunas thanked parent for input and urged that parents can help as well to support the school's growth. Motion to stay at current site seconded by Mark Racunas. No additional questions. All board members present supported. No abstentions, no oppositions. Valiente College Preparatory will stay at 8691 California Ave, South Gate, CA 90280.

10. Board Member Communications

D. Williams

Board members discussed board growth and ways for board to take a retreat in order to improve structure.

Closed Session

11. Review: Special Education Complaint to CDE (Old Business)

E. Perez

12. Public Employment Appointment, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

E. Perez

No decisions made during closed session. Only reviewed matters above, no decisions made. Back into Open session at 9:15pm.

Open Session

13. Adjourn Meeting

D. Williams

Motion to adjourn meeting by: Mark Racunas.
Seconded by: Naeem Arastu.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.