



VALIENTE
COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 28th, 2016

7:00pm

8691 California Avenue, South Gate CA 90280

Open Session

Leader(s)

1. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Williams

Meeting Called to Order at

Attendance:

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Deena Williams, Board Chair	Present	Naeem Arastu	Absent
Eric Young	Present	Carmen Avalos	Present
Jennifer Bunn Hayden	Present	Rudi Bonaparte	Present
Mark Racunas	Present	Jess Boro	Absent
Tyler Thurlow	Present		

Also present: Exec. Director-Esther Perez, SPED Coordinator/Teacher-Ashley Olvera, Admin. Assistant-Herlinda Hernandez, ExED Representative-Samira Estilai

2. Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Presentation

PAC Leader(s)

Cancelled, PAC Leader could not arrive for this particular meeting.

3. Teacher Presentation

TBD (Teacher)

Mrs. Olvera, current special education coordinator & learning specialist teacher, presented on current various things that are happening at Valiente College Prep. She discussed the reading program and leveled small reading groups for additional instruction. She discussed ST Math progress and how students have been eager to work on the program. Discussion ensued on school's ACTS (values) and how school is doing a food drive for some of Valiente's most needy families, which is being partnered with South Gate PD for their Santa Cop Program. Board

Member Bonaparte asked questions about possible wish list. Ms. Hernandez, the administrative assistant, discussed possibly needing extra resources for clubs.

4. Public Comment
None at this time.

D. Williams

5. Approve:
a. October Board Meeting Minutes

D. Williams

Motion to approve Oct. 2016 board meeting minutes (Rudi Bonaparte Motioned, Seconded by Jennifer Bunn Hayden)

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

Motion Carries, Minutes from Oct. 2016 approved.

b. Error from September Board Meeting (vote) *D. Williams*

Motion by Deena Williams to make edit to Sept. Board Meeting minutes that Eric Young was present at Sept. Board meeting (regular). Seconded by Carmen Avalos.

Name	Vote	Name	Vote
Deena Williams, Board Chair	Yes	Naeem Arastu	Absent
Eric Young	Abstain	Carmen Avalos	Yes
Jennifer Bunn Hayden	Yes	Rudi Bonaparte	Yes
Mark Racunas	Yes	Jess Boro	Absent
Tyler Thurlow	Yes		

Motion Carries, Minutes with error corrected from Sept. 2016 board meeting approved.

6. Executive Director's Report

E. Perez

E. Perez reviewed Fall events as well as upcoming field trip to UCLA and Spring plan for SBAC testing preparation.

7. Academic Report

C. Alvarez

Mr. Alvarez was not present to give an academic report, however, Dr. Perez gave a quick summary on how grades from Trimester 1 will be reviewed by the staff and analyzed to ensure that data driven practices are employed. This will be completed at the next teacher PD meeting.

8. Brown Act Policies Review

E. Perez

Brown Act principles of meeting reviewed including audit committees, Brown Act application to types of meetings, and public comment rules/regulations. Valiente will always ensure that each public comment is limited at 5 minutes.

9. Review & Approve: FY 16-17 1st Interim Financial Report

ExED, Inc. Representative

1st Interim Financial Report to be approved motioned by Carmen Avalos, Seconded by: Eric Young

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

Motion Carries; 1st Interim Financial Report approved.

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

ExED, Inc. Representative

Motion to approve 15/16 Financial Audit by Mark Racunas, Seconded by Jennifer Bunn Hayden.

Vote:

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

Motion Carries; 15-16 Financial Audit Approved.

11. Progress from Committees (Review) - Updates from Committee Chairs (if applicable):
 - a. Academics, Jessica Boro - No update at this time.
 - b. Governance, Deena Williams - Discussed possibility of one more board member joining. Still waiting for confirmation of this Board Member potentially joining. Reference to NALEO.org to research about possibilities of collaborating for the population of Valiente College Prep and preparing Boards in terms of budgets and what they should look like and focus on in the future.
 - c. Finances, Rudi Bonaparte - Mr. Bonaparte discussed budget and need to ensure that all members understand the budget.
 - d. Facilities, Mark Racunas - Discussed options with current space/location being leased. There are options to have more rooms added here at this site, but Church may need more time to discuss what rooms might be offered. Either way, the Valiente Board still needs to wait to hear about Prop 39 offer from LAUSD.

12. Review & Approve: Board Member Term Lengths, Elected Positions/Titles

D. Williams

D. Williams discussed lengths of board member terms which were set with the prior Executive Director. Any members voted after original board members were given 3 year terms. Board has to have a vote to reinstate any members that have term members expired. That being said, Mr. Bonaparte's term expired on June 30th, 2016 and he has elected to not rejoin Valiente's Board of Directors. He will serve as a support member, but will not be an official member. Thus, Valiente's Board of Directors is now at 8 members and the Board needs to look at new Board Members added. Roles within the board (vice chair, secretary, and treasurer) need to be set by the end of this school year. No vote needed at this time, but on the January meeting we will vote in potential new board members and possible roles voted in at that time.

13. Board Member Communications

D. Williams

Board Member wants to set up committee meetings to work on various initiatives within the next few meetings. At next board meeting, committees will meet to discuss Spring 2017 times to meet as the smaller committees.

Closed Session

14. Employee/Personnel Matter

E. Perez

Open Session

15. Adjourn Meeting

D. Williams

Closed session ended. No action was taken during closed session, no action or news to report. Board meeting adjourned at 9:00pm even.