



VALIENTE
COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 23, 2016

7:00pm

8691 California Avenue, South Gate CA

and

Via Teleconference at 11858 La Grange Ave #2, Los Angeles, CA

Dial-in Number: (641) 715-3580 Access Code: 141-190

Attendance:

Board Members Present

Mark Racunas, Board member

Deena Williams, Board Chair

Jessica Boro, Board member

Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Board member

Carmen Avalos

Via Conference Call:

Rudi Bonaparte, Treasurer

Samira Estilai, ExED Representative

Board Members Absent

Naeem Arastu

Others in attendance:

Esther L. Perez, Ed.D., Executive Director

Herlinda Hernandez, Administrative Assistant

Tyler Thurlow, Valiente Supporter & Potential Board Member

Open Session

1. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Williams

Board Meeting Called to Order by D. Williams at approximately 7:13pm. Attendance taken as noted above.

2. Approve: April Board Meeting Minutes

D. Williams

Board meeting notes from April Valiente Board Meeting reviewed. Opened for questions, changes, or edits as/if needed. Question made about parent comment in notes; clarified for Board Member, Bunn Hayden.

Motion to approve by Mark Racunas, Seconded by Jessica Boro. All those in favor.
Deena Williams, Mark Racunas, Jessica Boro, Rudi Bonaparte
Jennifer Bunn Hayden Abstain (not in attendance from last week)
Absent (no vote) Carmen Avalos & Naeem Arastu
Motion Passes

3. Public Comment

D. Williams

Board Chair Deena Williams introduces Tyler Thurlow as a prospective board member at Valiente College Prep. Mr. Thurlow has a background in commercial real estate and is interested in seeing if he can help the school further.

4. Review: Executive Director's Report

E. Perez

Executive Director reviewed end of the year events. Discussed fundraising ideas. Ideas given for fundraising: Jogathon.
Questions about bussing and costs. Discussed how age of students warrants busses with restroom facilities (chartered busses)
Questions about reading program and incentives: possible idea for shirts and sweaters
Esther to create a breakdown of costs for field trips. Reach out to local charters for ideas on programs/trips.
Request made by board member to clean up the Wish List to ensure that we can use successful strategies year after year. Shoebox idea (weight and amount).

5. Approve: Homeless Children's Policy

E. Perez

Questions about homeless policy: none at this time. Motion to approve: Carmen Avalos (moved); Seconded by Mark Racunas.

Deena Williams: Approve

Mark Racunas: Approve

Jessica Boro: Approve
Jennifer Bunn Hayden: Approve
Carmen Avalos: Approve
Rudi Bonaparte: Approve
Naeem Arastu: Absent
Unanimous Decision: Motion Carries.

6. Approve: Parent Involvement Policies *E. Perez*

Edits for bullets (they are a bit misaligned). School Site Council versus PAC (esther to include the differences). Esther to make edits and how to engage parents in the parent involvement policy. Tabling vote until edits are made for June. 3rd bullet down, really second one make sure it notes/says school site council specifically. Changed to PAC as this is how it is written in the charter.

7. Approve: Student Dress Code Handbook Revisions *E. Perez*

Edits approved: Sweatshirt NO hoodie, gray, burgundy, must have Valiente Logos
Moved by Jennifer Bunn Hayden, Seconded by Mark Racunas

Deena Williams: Approve
Mark Racunas: Approve
Jessica Boro: Approve
Jennifer Bunn Hayden: Approve
Carmen Avalos: Approve
Rudi Bonaparte: Approve
Naeem Arastu: Absent

Unanimous Decision: Motion Carries.

8. Review: Initial LCAP Draft *E. Perez*

Questions/Recommendations: Dense document, might need to have a cover sheet with key pieces. Esther to have a key summary/changes at next meeting about LCAP.

9. Review: Financial Report *ExED, Inc. Representative*

Samira Estilai reviewed financial report. Little changes from last month. Discussed California funding based on Governor decisions.

10. Review: SSD Plan

E. Perez

To be reviewed at next meeting due to needing more time to complete.

11. Review/Discuss: Board Member Summer Retreat

D. Williams

Deena Williams discussed board retreat on a Saturday in the summer. Full day needed to really flesh out ideas and structure to get the next school year started strongly. Committee time for planning needed for summer retreat: governance, facilities, finance and development (includes fundraising which may involve family and community involvement), academic accountability, management evaluation. Need to ensure we plan strategic priorities. Deena William to send out a Doodle poll to find timing that works for all Board members. Options of places to meet such as community room in/at the Azalea shopping center and/or Loyola Marymount University.

12. Board Member Communications

D. Williams

Discussed communication method.

13. Adjourn Meeting

D. Williams

Mark Racunas motion to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Bunn Hayden. Motion to adjoin passes. Meeting closes at 8:50pm.