

MINUTES
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
2195 Larkspur Lane, Suite 100, Redding CA 96002
September 5, 2012, 3:30 pm

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I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:37 PM

B. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Vanessa Burger__	Patricia Dougherty_X	Barbara Mehr_X	Crickett Miller_X
Christie Morris_X	Mitchell Moutard_X	Natalie Moutard_X	Isaiah Ritchie__
Randy Ritchie__	Lynn Weidenkeller_X	Peggy Youmans_X	

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by: Dr.Dougherty **Seconded by:** Barbara Mehr **Vote:** 8/0/0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

B. INFORMAT ION: Director's Report

- VEPs and Turtle Bay memberships: APL spent about \$130,000 last year on VEPs. We need to tighten up student attendance with VEPs to make sure that the money is being spent well. Attendance requirements for some VEPs (fitness club memberships in particular) have been increased. Logs are required for Turtle Bay attendance and usage. If VEP classes or Turtle Bay memberships are cancelled, it will be for the duration of the school year.
- At the September 17 staff meeting, there will be training on 504s and IEPs as well as Child Find (Federal regulations that mandate assessments for children who are not functioning at grade level. Based on assessment, curriculum and/or classes will be modified or mandated, as needed). Middleton, Young, and Minney, our legal counsel, will conduct the training.
- APL will be updating the Parent/Student Handbook. Some of the changes are legal requirements.
- Barbara Mehr is planning wonderful field trips that are quickly filling up each month. The families have expressed their approval and satisfaction with these events.
- STAR test scores for the 2011/12 school year have been released. (API and AYP have yet to be calculated and published.) There was an article in the local paper declaring that our test scores were the lowest in the County. This may or may not be true as only some schools' scores were mentioned. However, our scores are not what they should be. We must look at our curriculum and delivery. We must use multiple measures to assess student growth and progress, but the STAR tests are very important. We must show progress and raise our scores. There will be continued emphasis on benchmark assessments and RTI.

C. INFORMATION: Teachers' Report

- Barbara Mehr felt that Parent/Student Handbook signatures should be part of the enrollment process. She stated that it takes important time from meetings with families to garner the required signatures.
- Lynn Weidenkeller shared that today was the first time that families had the opportunity to participate in the flag salute at 7:45 am. It will be conducted every Wednesday and Thursday morning at this time in the reception area.
- Barbara Mehr suggested some type of reward for math like we do with the reading incentive program, in which students submit reading logs for prizes.
- Barb also said that getting the benchmark assessments completed has been a challenge. She thanked Christie Morris for her support in learning about the newly adopted Scantron Achievement series benchmark assessments.

D. INFORMATION: Students' Report

- Mitchell Moutard said that the library is not conducive to studying. He would like to have a quiet place to study and to utilize the library for group study, if possible. There was discussion among the Council about the computers being used for games, and kids running in and out making noise. Some students are not going to class because they are engaged on the computers. There are also students who are not scheduled in classes, spending that time in the library (and some of them are on the computers). Some children are utilizing the computers while teachers/parents are having their meetings. The library is being utilized for before school and after school care for early drop-offs and late pick-ups. There was general acknowledgement that the library serves important and diverse needs for our students and their families, but its best use may need to be clarified.

E. INFORMATION: Governing Board Report: Crickett Miller

- Crickett Miller shared the minutes from the August Board meeting with the Council.

III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. INFORMATION/ACTION: Approve the Minutes from August 8, 2012

Motion by: Dr. Dougherty **Seconded by:** Christie Morris **Vote:** 7/0/0

2. INFORMATION/ACTION: Council Positions

We need another elementary parent for the Council.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Vote:** N/A

3. INFORMATION/ACTION: Drop-off procedures

Vehicles are blocking traffic and creating safety hazards. This is an issue before and after school. The first two periods of the morning are both at issue.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Vote:** N/A

4. INFORMATION/ACTION: Tardiness

Students are showing up late for class. The Council discussed the issue of tardiness and absences. Site teachers need to keep PLTs apprised of absences and if students miss more than the requisite number of classes (3 excused absences), the students may lose their site class privilege.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Vote:** N/A

5. INFORMATION/ACTION: Revisions to Student/Parent Handbook

The Council no longer had a quorum by this time of the evening so this issue will be discussed at the next Council meeting. There will be changes to the handbook necessitated by law according to our legal counsel.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote: N/A

6. INFORMATION/ACTION: Charter Re-write

This item was postponed until the next Council meeting.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____ **Vote:** N/A

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Council will consider items for future Council Meeting Agendas.

- Revision to Student/Parent Handbook
- Charter re-write
- Tardiness
- Drop-off protocol

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm_____.