

MINUTES
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
2195 Larkspur Lane, Suite 100, Redding CA 96002
August 14, 2013, 3:30 pm

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I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:45 pm

B. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Vanessa Burger X

Patricia Dougherty X

Crickett Miller X

Mitchell Moutard

Natalie Moutard X

Isaiah Ritchie

Randy Ritchie

Lynn Weidenkeller X

Peggy Youmans

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by: Dr. Dougherty

Seconded by: Vanessa Burger

Vote: 5/0/0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

B. INFORMATION: Director's Report

- David Ewart and Dr. Dougherty have applied for several grants to purchase robotics equipment and a large grant from UC Davis for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Academy and other science projects.
- APL is launching a STEM Academy. We were given a large replica of a space ship which is in the lobby area of the building. It will serve as a symbol for our STEM Academy.
- We are organizing the upstairs space: some for storage in the front area, the smaller room for intervention/remediation, as well as a classroom and computer lab with 20 stations.
- We have purchased lap top computers and recently ordered 15 more so we will have 60 laptops for SBAC testing.
- We have received and are analyzing our STAR test scores, but have yet to receive our API. The K-6 students made progress, but the scores for grades 7-11 were disappointing. We must continue developing our RTI (Response to Intervention) program.
- The Gateway District has hired a firm to assist them with oversight of their charter schools. We hope to have our Charter ready to present at either the October or November Gateway Board meeting. We will be seeking petition signatures from APL family and community members for our renewal.
- The tables in front of the school and the mirror in room 8 will be removed. We are investigating the purchase of other tables for the patio area.

- APL may not remain a part of the JPA, but instead hire our own resource specialist, speech pathologist, and psychologist to better meet the needs of our school.

C. INFORMATION: Teachers' Report

- Vanessa Burger stated that teachers are preparing for school to start.
- Jeanna Parks said that she is excited about the integrated classes that we will be offering this year. Vanessa Burger stated that parents and students are also excited about this change.
- Dr. Dougherty said that another change for this school year is the removal of the microwave ovens, with students bringing cold lunches to eat instead of having to heat their food, which took too much time.
- Dr. Dougherty stated that enrollment this year will be about 510 to 520 students once teachers have attained a full compartment of students. We will have a waiting list for new enrollments.

D. INFORMATION: Students' Report: none

E. INFORMATION: Governing Board Report

Crickett Miller reported information from the June Board meeting.

III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Approve the Minutes from June 5, 2013
Motion by: Vanessa Burger Seconded by: Natalie Moutard Vote: 5/0/0
2. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** New Council Members
 Dr. Dougherty nominated Jeanna Parks for a 2 year term on the Council.
Motion by: Dr. Dougherty Seconded by: Vanessa Burger Vote: 5/0/0
3. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** 2013/2014 Meeting dates/times
 (No change since dates/times were established last year: one Wednesday per month at 3:30 pm)
Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Vote: N/A
4. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Babysitting for Council Members during meetings
 An older student could earn academic credit or wages for babysitting children of Council members during meetings.
Motion by: Jeanna Parks Seconded by: Natalie Moutard Vote: 6/0/0
5. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Survey
 Dr. Dougherty initiated a conversation about the timing of our annual survey of parents and students, wondering if it would be helpful to conduct it earlier in the year, perhaps in November or January.
Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Vote: N/A
6. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Charter Re-write
 The Council continued to work on the Charter re-write up to page 22.
Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Vote: N/A

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Council will consider items for future Council Meeting Agendas:

- 1. Annual Survey**
- 2. Charter re-write**
- 3. Potential council members: High school student, elementary parent, and possibly a high school parent (depending upon Mr. Ritchie). Lynn will contact Peggy Youmans to see if she will continue to serve on the Council and Gina Lowe to see if she would be interested in participating on the Council.**

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.