

MINUTES
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
2195 Larkspur Lane, Suite 100, Redding CA 96002
May 1, 2013, 3:30 pm

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I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:42 pm

B. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

**Vanessa Burger_X_ Patricia Dougherty_X_ Barbara Mehr___ 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

- The security cameras have been installed. Mandatory signs with the following statement have been ordered: "We are under 24 hour surveillance." On Saturday, May 4, a contractor will begin installation of a dividing wall, painting, and putting Formica caps on the receptionist's desk. APL will order one scanner to practice, and then order two more (2 in front and 1 for staff door) for students and staff to check in and out of the building. Hopefully, before our next meeting, all of the security equipment will be installed.
- On May 7 there will be an Art Institute Workshop in the APL library for interested students.
- Graduation will be May 29 at the McLaughlin Auditorium.
- May 30 will be the 8th grade promotion ceremony at APL.
- Saturday, May 11, will be the school play with dance classes performing as well.
- The STAR testing schedule has provided a "unique adventure" this year.
- Next year we will be working with Common Core Standards. There will be more integration of Math/Science and Language Arts/History. There will be an emphasis on critical thinking, such as word problems in math. This is a more powerful way of teaching than the current mode of "teaching to the test."
- There has been misinformation circulating among families about common core standards. Parents have expressed concerns about student tracking numbers which are already in existence as well as course content with common core standards.

- Dr. Dougherty met with the superintendant and director of human resources at GUSD to discuss an employee matter and our Charter renewal. We will probably present our renewal at Gateway's September or October meeting.

C. INFORMATION: Teachers' Report

- Vanessa Burger said that prepping students before STAR testing helped them to lower anxiety levels and approach testing in a more positive manner.
- Dr. Dougherty felt the first day of testing was a disaster. The lack of organization left children in holding patterns which amped up their stress. After setting up a more organized way of handling tests, subsequent testing days went smoother.
- Vanessa Burger said that parents complained about the testing schedule. To allay their concerns, she explained to them how important this testing was for our school.
- Crickett Miller said that her son came when he didn't need to, but was okay hanging out with friends.
- Dr. Dougherty said that the preponderance of teachers did a good job, taking the testing seriously.
- Vanessa Burger discussed the STAR incentives for high school students. They can earn 2.5 to 5 credits for moving up one to two bands in their scores. She also said that students who understood their previous scores and what they needed to do to improve, were more motivated to do well.

D. INFORMATION: Students' Report: None

E. INFORMATION: Governing Board Report

Crickett Miller relayed information from the April Board meeting with the Council.

III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. INFORMATION/ACTION: Approve the Minutes from April 10, 2013

Motion by: Dr. Dougherty Seconded by: Vanessa Burger Vote: 5/0/0

2. INFORMATION/ACTION: New Council Members

Natalie Moutard is willing to stay on the Council. In addition to the parent of a high school student, parent of an elementary student, and a high school student, the Council needs two more teachers. Vanessa Burger is willing to continue as a Council member or we would require three new teachers. There will be an election, if necessary.

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

3. INFORMATION/ACTION: 2013/2014 Meeting dates/times

For next school year, the Council will meet once a month at 3:30 pm. on the following dates: Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 11, Jan. 15, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 9, May 14, and June 11. This meeting schedule will be revisited at the August meeting.

Motion by: Dr. Dougherty Seconded by: Vanessa Burger Vote: 5/0/0

4. INFORMATION/ACTION: Charter Re-write

The Council members continued to work on the Charter Re-write. Crickett Miller will send out draft #5 soon with the newest changes that have been made.

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

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Council will consider items for future Council Meeting Agendas.

- **Charter Re-write**
- **Council positions**
- **Meeting date/time**

June 5 will be the next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm_____.