

**MINUTES**  
**ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING**  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
2195 Larkspur Lane, Suite 100, Redding CA 96002  
October 9, 2013, 3:30 pm

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**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:35 pm**

**B. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Vanessa Burger\_X\_ (came after a meeting) Patricia Dougherty\_X\_ Gina Lowe\_X\_  
Crickett Miller\_X\_ Mitchell Moutard\_X\_ Natalie Moutard\_X\_ Jeanna Parks\_X\_  
Elise Van Riper\_X\_ Jessica Van Riper\_X\_ Lynn Weidenkeller\_X\_ Peggy  
Youmans\_X\_

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by: Gina Lowe      Seconded by: Jeanna Parks      Vote: 7/0/0**

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**B. INFORMATION: Director's Report**

- Sherina Weide is in the hospital after having surgery. There is a card to sign and a plant that Dr. Dougherty will take to her this afternoon.
- Dr. Dougherty met with Vicky Barber and Eric Premac about APL's Charter renewal. Dr. Dougherty may meet with the Gateway superintendent early in November. Teachers are collecting parent and community signatures in support of Charter renewal and some APL families have offered to write letters of support for our renewal.
- APL's security plan (evacuation plan) will be discussed at the next Board meeting as well as the parking lot and the possibility of installing security cameras outside the building. A security person may be onsite part time at varying hours. Staff members need to ratchet up their awareness to facilitate school safety.
- Classes are going well. We may close out classes with low enrollment to better utilize teacher time.

**C. INFORMATION: Teachers' Report: None**

**D. INFORMATION: Students' Report**

- Mitchell Moutard said that his core classes are more academically engaging than when he last reported.
- Jessica Van Riper said that it would be helpful to have breaks in the academic day. A discussion ensued about leaving campus, breaks in the day, and school

liabilities. Dr. Dougherty said that teachers have been counseled to be receptive to students' needs.

- Jessica also suggested field trips, such as trips to visit colleges. She suggested having a "Festival of the Arts Day" to raise funds for field trips. Dr. Dougherty felt that students should not have to do fund raisers. Crickett Miller expressed liability concerns about field trips. At APL, parents transport children to/from field trips, alleviating the school from responsibility for student welfare when off campus. The school is responsible for students "door to door," from the time parents drop students off and until they pick them up from school.

E. INFORMATION: Governing Board Report

Crickett Miller will provide this report at the next meeting.

**III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Approve the Minutes from September 4, 2013

**Motion by: Dr. Dougherty      Seconded by: Jeanna Parks      Vote: 7/0/0**

**2. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Set in New Council Members

Elise Van Riper will serve as a parent representative and her daughter Jessica Van Riper will serve as a student member of the Advisory Council.

**Motion by: Peggy Youmans      Seconded by: Dr. Dougherty      Vote: 7/0/0**

**3. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Update on SPED

APL is looking for a school psychologist again. The person who was hired for this position decided to keep her current job. We are still seeking a registered nurse. The online speech pathologist is working out well for our students.

**Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_      Vote: \_\_N/A\_\_**

**4. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Update on eSTEAM

The computer lab and cabinetry have been installed upstairs. We have classroom space up there also. David Ewart is planning field trips for the eSTEAM Academy to Disneyland Robotics and other venues. Today the Science Ambassador students facilitated a "Hands on Lab" for younger students that was very successful.

**Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_      Vote: \_\_N/A\_\_**

**5. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Update on Common Core

We are still making curriculum decisions in some areas. Teachers are working hard to implement Common Core State Standards. There will be no standardized testing this year, though selected grade levels will participate in SBAC pilot tests.

**Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_      Vote: \_\_N/A\_\_**

**6. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Approve Changes to Survey

Changes to the annual Parent Survey were made based on teacher suggestions. Comparable changes were made in the High School Student Survey. The survey period will be 10/21/13 to 11/18/13.

**Motion by: Dr. Dougherty      Seconded by: Peggy Youmans      Vote: 10/0/0**

**7. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Charter Re-write

A motion was made to accept the changes through page 9 of the Charter document. Council members will review the rest of the Charter and approve/disapprove the remaining changes and communicate their decisions to Crickett Miller by Monday, Oct 14.

**Motion by: Crickett Miller      Seconded by: Vanessa Burger      Vote: 9/0/0**

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**The Council will consider items for future Council Meeting Agendas.**

- Annual Survey
- Charter Re-write

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.