

MINUTES
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
2195 Larkspur Lane, Suite 100, Redding CA 96002
September 4, 2013, 3:30 pm

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I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:40 PM

B. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Vanessa Burger__	Patricia Dougherty_X__	Gina Lowe_X__
Crickett Miller_X__	Mitchell Moutard_X__	Natalie Moutard_X__
Jeanna Parks_X__(came late)	Lynn Weidenkeller_X__	Peggy Youmans_X__

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Peggy Youmans brought up the issue of the crowded conditions in the reception area at the conclusion of the academic day as students are leaving. Dr. Dougherty stated that ideas have been generated for handling the situation that will be discussed by the leadership team. Teachers may walk their students out to scan out and then wait with them in front of the building for the parents to pick up the students.

B. INFORMATION: Director's Report

- Jean Hatch, of the JPA of which we have been a member, asked us to leave the group and provide our own special education services for our students. As a result of this severing, APL will actually be better able financially to support our students' needs. Jennifer Holden, our resource specialist, is now an APL employee. Other special ed. staff has also been hired.
- APL's API went up 48 points. We made gains in all sub groups, which is very important for our school. (The API of all Gateway schools went down and most local high schools went down.)
- A legal firm hired by the Gateway District requested that we provide information to them in five days. Our legal firm has been contacted to request 15 days to provide the information, which is the customary time frame.
- Bob McConnell will be doing Picture Day for us this year. He will provide more opportunities through the year for student photos. Bob has also offered to take on Yearbook this year. He said that he could produce the book for \$15 with no minimum number of books to purchase.

- A parent has requested to take on a project on behalf of the school that involves a website which publishes student artwork and will print it on personal items. APL will look into this more fully.

C. INFORMATION: Teachers' Report

- Peggy Youmans stated that the hallways seem to be quieter this year.
- Gina Lowe said that the school environment seems more positive this year.
- Dr. Dougherty said that we are attracting some high functioning students to our school.
- Lynn Weidenkeller said the parking lot situation is better this year.
- Dr. Dougherty stated that some students are coming to school late while others are coming very early. She hopes this situation will be addressed with families by teachers at their meetings.

D. INFORMATION: Students' Report:

Mitchell Moutard said that so far he doesn't like Common Core, the blending of subject disciplines. He felt that it is difficult to give both subjects their due.

E. INFORMATION: Governing Board Report

Crickett Miller shared with the Council the events from the August Board meeting and a special Board meeting that took place since the August meeting.

III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. INFORMATION/ACTION: Approve the Minutes from August 14, 2013

Motion by: Dr. Dougherty Seconded by: Natalie Moutard Vote: 7/0/0

2. INFORMATION/ACTION: New Council Members

Mr. Ritchey and Isaiah Ritchey have stepped down from the Council. The Council needs a parent of a high school student, a parent of an elementary student, and a high school student.

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

3. INFORMATION/ACTION: Survey

Dr. Dougherty suggested putting a notice in the October newsletter that the annual survey will be earlier this year. If we conduct the survey earlier, we will be able to include survey results with our Charter renewal. We will continue to do an online survey, as the results are more accessible.

Dr. Dougherty suggested that we create a power point presentation to present to the Gateway Board as part of our Charter renewal. She will meet with the superintendent of the Gateway district before we present our renewal petition. She hopes that we can present for renewal in January or February.

A motion was made for the annual survey to be started on October 21 and finished by November 18.

Motion by: Gina Lowe Seconded by: Dr. Dougherty Vote: 8/0/0

4. INFORMATION/ACTION: Charter Re-write

Dr. Dougherty has contacted several people to review our Charter document. The Council concluded revising the Charter.

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

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Council will consider items for future Council Meeting Agendas.

- Discuss Survey for this year.
- Update on SPED
- Update on Common Core
- Update on STEM Academy

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm_____.