

**MINUTES**  
**ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING**  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
2195 Larkspur Lane, Suite 100, Redding CA 96002  
January 15, 2014, 3:30 pm

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**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:40 pm**

**B. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Amy Baber X      Vanessa Burger\_\_\_\_      Patricia Dougherty X      Gina Lowe\_\_\_\_  
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: Jeanna Parks      Seconded by: Peggy Youmans      Vote: 10/0/0**

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None**

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

- We have had an issue with our server and hard drive, but these problems have almost been resolved.
- The Parent and Student Surveys are being analyzed so we can utilize the results for the continuous improvement of our school.
- APL is looking into the possibility of taking some of David Ewart's robotics students to an event in Sacramento, some to participate and some to observe. We are trying to get a scholarship to charter a bus for transportation.
- APL's enrollment is continuing to grow.
- We have now begun the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2013-14 school year. Graduation will be May 29, 2014 at McLaughlin Auditorium.
- We are planning a small public event for the dance and drama class performances. We hope to use McLaughlin Auditorium. The date has not yet been set but it will be sometime in May.

**C. INFORMATION: Teachers' Report**

- Jeanna Parks said she is excited about the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and working with her students.
- Peggy Youmans expressed her appreciation for the change this year to three learning periods per semester.
- Dr. Dougherty stated that learning period mid-meetings, providing more face-to-face time with students/families, are working well. This change is an example of our continuous model of improvement.

- Dr. Dougherty shared that Lori McNeill, of the Society of Women Engineers, donated a substantial amount of bisque ware to our school. The ceramics classes decorated a platter for Dr. Dougherty and one for Lori McNeill in appreciation for their dedication to our ceramics program.

D. INFORMATION: Students' Report

- Jessica Van Riper said she has heard a lot of students complain about the lunch period being too brief.
- Mitchell Moutard concurred, saying students don't get enough outdoor time.
- Crickett Miller said extending the day would create problems for some families, such as those with after school activities.
- A discussion ensued about these concerns. Jessica Van Riper thought perhaps less passing time between classes would help, but the teachers present expressed their need for the 5 minutes between classes. Peggy Youmans reminded those present that in the past, with more time and open campus privileges, students got into trouble.

E. INFORMATION: Governing Board Report

There was no Governing Board Report as there has not been a meeting since the last Advisory Council meeting.

**III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Approve the Minutes from December 11, 2013

**Motion by: Dr. Dougherty      Seconded by: Jessica Van Riper      Vote: 10/0/0**

**2. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Update on State Testing/State Funding Formula

- State Funding Formula: APL will benefit financially with the new State funding formula, based on Proposition 98, free and reduced lunch funding, and special education funding. We will be able to add to our reserves, now 6% moving to 12%. A healthy financial reserve will provide financial stability for the school. The State has "leveled the playing field" for charter schools relative to traditional schools. APL may receive some deferred funds back that were carried from one fiscal year to the next. We will know more in May after the revision of the State budget. (Due to the funding increase, APL is getting fiber optics for better internet capabilities.)
- State testing: APL issued a website link for families to practice the new state tests being developed called CALMAPP. Students will be tested onsite using computers. The new tests need to be practiced by parents and students as the format is so different from the traditional STAR tests. This year's scores will not count but we need to understand the format to be prepared for future testing and the performance levels expected of students.

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

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

Council members were provided with copies of the Parent and Student Survey results. The Council read over the Parent Survey results as a group. Most of the results were positive.

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

**4. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Update on Charter, Petitions and Letters of Support  
Eric Premac is looking over our Charter to make sure we are meeting all legal requirements, and it will be back in early February. We hope to present it to GUSD at their late February or early March meeting. Staff is gathering petitions and letters of support from families and community members.

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

**5. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Spring Onsite Class Schedule  
There have been some changes made in the schedule. A math teacher resigned in December and we hired Mr. Benage who has advanced math skills and is relating well with students.

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

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- Charter update

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.