

**MINUTES**  
**ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING**  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
2195 Larkspur Lane, Suite 100, Redding CA 96002  
February 9, 2015, 3:00 pm

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**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:08 pm**

**B. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Hannah Avery X    LeAnna Avery X    Amy Baber X    Patricia Dougherty X  
Crickett Miller X    Natalie Moutard X    Jeanna Parks        Gina Ritter X  
Jessica Van Riper (arrived at 4:30)    Lynn Weidenkeller X    Peggy Youmans X  
David Ewart X /Robin Thorne X

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by: Dr. Dougherty      Seconded by: Gina Ritter      Vote: 10/0/0**

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

- David Ewart gave an APL science update, including the North State STEM event at the Civic Center for 9<sup>th</sup> graders, an update on the PURE HELP student project, the APL Weather Ready Ambassadors with NOAA, the Verizon App development project, hours logged by the GSI volunteers, an invitation for the robotics team to present at the Sac STEM Fair, volunteers needed for the APL Science Fair and STEAM Expo, as well as a summer camp at USC.

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

- There will be an APL Board meeting this Thursday, February 12, at 5:15 pm.
- A SPED person has been hired to fill the current vacant position.
- In this morning's meeting, the administrative team discussed the three year strategic plan. APL wants to be "a school of choice, not a school of last resort." We want to attract home school families whose students are serious about learning, and academic standards.

**C. INFORMATION: Teachers' Report**

- Peggy Youmans wondered if Jessica Van Riper is still interested in serving on the Council. She said that Mitchell Moutard has returned from Argentina and is willing to serve on the Council if Jessica is no longer able to participate since her family moved. Peggy was asked to have Jessica contact Crickett.

**D. INFORMATION: Students' Report**

- Hannah Avery said that the CAHSEE went well. Having the testing upstairs without distractions was positive.

**E. INFORMATION: Governing Board Report**

- Crickett Miller presented events of the January 2015 Board meeting.

**III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Approve the Minutes from January 5, 2015.

**Motion by: Dr. Dougherty      Seconded by: Robin Thorne      Vote: 10/0/0**

**2. INFORMATION/ACTION:** WASC

APL is waiting to confirm the date of our WASC mid-term visit. We are working on our report for the visit. Without state testing last year, Scantron assessments have been the measure of progress and they have not shown academic gains. We do not have math remediation in place as had been planned. We are looking at CAHSEE testing and how to improve passage of the test. Overall, we want to balance remediation and acceleration, depending on student needs, so that we can meet the needs of all students.

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

**3. INFORMATION/ACTION:** LCAP

We continue working to improve math instruction. We have been ordering math curriculum and looking at PLATO online offerings. There will be a workshop on March 23 to look at math options.

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

**4. INFORMATION/ACTION:** Parent and Student Surveys

Crickett Miller reviewed the results of the Parent Survey. There were 102 respondents, and 2/3 who responded had students who had attended APL for more than one school year. In addition to going over survey responses, part of the discussion included how to construct the survey questions in order to gather information that would be helpful to improve our program.

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

**5. INFORMATION/ACTION:** State Testing

The State still doesn't have the test dates set, and may set dates back. Students and their families have been provided resources to practice the online testing format.

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

**6. INFORMATION/ACTION:** APL Science Expo

APL's Science Fair will be 3/4/15 and 3/5/15. We would like to have parental support for the event.

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

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

- WASC
- Three Year Strategic plan
- LCAP
- Student survey results
- Council positions
- Student website

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.