

MINUTES
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
2195 Larkspur Lane, Suite 100, Redding CA 96002
May 11, 2015, 3:00 pm

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I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER: 3:06 pm

B. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Hannah Avery X LeAnna Avery X Patricia Dougherty X Crickett Miller X
Mitchell Moutard X Natalie Moutard X Jeanna Parks X Gina Ritter X
Lynn Weidenkeller X Peggy Youmans X
David Ewart X /Robin Thorne X (Arrived at 3:20 pm)

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by: Dr. Dougherty Seconded by: Jeanna Parks Vote: 11/0/0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

B. INFORMATION: Director's Report

- Dr. Dougherty clarified aspects of the school calendar. Advisory Council meets once a month on Mondays, but not a Monday during meetings week. She also stated that in April the Board ratified the School Calendar for next year, whereas the Meetings Calendar is a fluid, internal calendar and doesn't need Board ratification. The two calendars are different documents.
- The Board meeting was moved from May 21 to May 18. There will be closed session about union negotiations and PERB filings. The Board needs to encumber more funds for legal expenses. Also on the Agenda will be the purchase of technology for the classrooms upstairs. Funds for the purchase of technology are not available for staff salaries.
- A Board member received a phone call over the weekend from a parent about teacher pressure to join "the cause." The parent was told that Dr. Dougherty has a hidden budget in addition to a public budget. Dr. Dougherty asserted that this is not true; Karl Yoder of DMS manages APL finances and there is only one budget for the school.

C. INFORMATION: Teachers' Report

- Gina Ritter shared that SBAC testing is finished. She said that Patty Kelly did well with organization of the testing.
- Dr. Dougherty said that three teachers gave the wrong test, resulting in testing irregularities, and forcing students to retest.

- Jeanna Parks said that students connect well with the computer format for testing. Those with keyboarding skills had more confidence in testing.
- David Ewart shared that 3 boys who won science fair awards also received recognition from the mayor of Redding.

D. INFORMATION: Students' Report

None

E. INFORMATION: Governing Board Report

The last meeting was a closed session meeting.

III. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. INFORMATION/ACTION: Approve the Minutes from April 20, 2015.

Motion by: Jeanna Parks Seconded by: Dr. Dougherty Vote: 12/0/0

2. INFORMATION/ACTION: Council Positions

The information about open Council positions is in the newsletter.

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

3. INFORMATION/ACTION: LCAP

At their meeting on May 18, staff will work on LCAP revisions. Bill Lombard will also be at the meeting. There will be changes in math instruction next year. Chris Rothrock will teach 7, 8, and 9th grade math to better prepare students for high school math.

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

4. INFORMATION/ACTION: Three Year Strategic Plan

The Three Year Strategic Plan is in process. Staff members have made a couple of site visits to other schools. The first year of the plan is intended to qualify and quantify what is/isn't working. Good data needs to be attained, and then changes will be instituted.

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

5. INFORMATION/ACTION: Site Visit Report

Dr. Dougherty, David Ewart, Kimberly Coughren, Gina Ritter, and Chris Rothrock went to Sacramento to visit a school that was similar to ours to see how they handled remediation/intervention programs. They observed a teacher sitting with and assisting students who were working independently using online programs. The students they observed attended both math remediation and regular math classes. They felt that this program was successful and facilitates passing CAHSEE.

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

6. INFORMATION/ACTION: Graduation update

May 28 will be high school graduation. Jeanna Parks has photos for 26 students; so many more students' photos are needed to have a good slide show. Nancy Brown will be playing piano.

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

7. INFORMATION/ACTION: Guide Dog Program Update

Dr. Dougherty has sent the request to our legal counsel.

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

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Council will consider items for future Council Meeting Agendas.

- Council positions
- Update for LCAP
- Advisory Council meeting/dates and times (tentative)
- Update on guide dog program

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 pm.