

Minutes
of the
Academy of Personalized Learning
Governing Board
224 Hartnell
Redding, CA 96002
April 21, 2010
5:15 pm

Regular Meeting

I. Preliminary

A. Call to Order

Greg Beale called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm.

B. Roll call

Patricia Dougherty called the roll, with Sharyi Hanson, Greg Beale, Christine Davies, and Father Michael Boyle in attendance. Teresa Hufford was absent.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Father Boyle led the pledge.

II. Communications

A. Oral communications:

None

B. Information: Director's Report

Dr. Dougherty reported that she and Greg Beale will meet with Theresa Ungaro of GUSD in June. It is expected that at that time, a decision will have been made regarding who will be the district representative to our board.

Dr. Dougherty noted that Karl Yoder, Eric Premack, and Jerry Simmons, who is our legal counsel, will email a template of bylaws matching the content of the charter. This will be made available to all for discussion.

The director provided a budget view in the board packet, which she used to explain a misconception stated at the last board meeting, having to do with the amount budgeted and/or spent for consultation. She also provided totals for various categories of instructional costs, leading to a total for these categories of approximately \$265,000.

Dr. Dougherty reported that the state will be deferring our scheduled payments substantially, and expects that we will need to look at lines of credit to get us through the beginning of the year.

Karl Yoder will be looking into alternative methods of funding for our 2 ROP cosmetology students. At this point, we have been quoted a per student cost of \$4,000, which is prohibitive.

Dr. Dougherty stated that the school play, Pirates of Penzance, will be performed on May 14 and 15. All are welcome to attend, and the cost is \$5.00 per seat.

On May 6, the biology class will be presenting their year end projects, while the Life Skills class will be working on public speaking from 1-3 pm and could use an audience. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

STAR Testing is under way, Dr. Dougherty reports, and week 1 has gone well. She stated that parents have commented positively about the preparation materials, which we plan to order earlier next year, so that they can be put to use earlier in the school year.

Dr. Dougherty reported that parent surveys are being collected and that Lynn, Kimberly and Patricia will tally these and type up the results to present to the board in May.

Additionally, Dr. Dougherty reported that the staff has divided into “learning teams,” or grade level clusters, to plan classes for next year.

A draft calendar including changes to keep the 8th grade promotion ceremony from “bumping against” Memorial Day is enclosed in the board packet. It will be an action item on the May agenda.

Dr. Dougherty reported that there have been positive comments about the North State Parent ad, and that our enrollment currently is 397.

Last, Dr. Dougherty presented a letter of commendation for Robin Thorne, who recently worked as a counselor at the Yosemite Institute.

C. For information: Board/Staff Discussions

Christie Morris presented information regarding the progress of our intervention plans for next year.

Ann Mobley presented a piece of work titled: “Autopsy Without Blame.”

Rose James spoke about her recollections of crafting the Charter Document.

III. Consent Agenda Items

Christine Davies moved to approve the consent agenda items, and Sharyi Hanson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. Information/Action Items

1. Information/Action: Select Board Member for Father Boyle’s Seat

Two candidates, Molly Oliver and Lauri Gibson, attended the meeting, and each was asked a series of questions, primarily by Greg Beale. A vote was taken and Molly Oliver was unanimously elected to fill Fr. Boyle’s seat.

2. Information/Action: Shasta County Public Charter Schools Special Education Consortium: Agreement of Participation 2010-2011 School Year
Sharyi Hanson moved to approve this agreement, and Christine Davies seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Information/Action: Appointment of two Advisory Council Members to Board
Christine Davies moved to appoint Crickett Miller and Chase Lentz to the board as Advisory Council representatives. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Information/Action: Advisory Council Election Resolution
Discussion of this resolution and the way the Council had modified the resolution to deal with the need for a material revision of the charter took place. This is one area in which all agree that a material revision of the charter is necessary to reflect the increased interest of many shareholders to take part in a council formed like last year's Site Council, with 12 members rather than the 7 members detailed in the charter.
5. Information/Action: Ratify Fedderson & Company Engagement Letter
After discussion, Christine Davies moved to ratify this agreement for the school year 2009-2010. Fr. Michael seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
6. Information/Action: Director's Evaluation Process
Greg Beale reported that he had gotten input from Eric Premack, our consultant at CSDC, in developing an instrument for use in evaluation of the director. He presented a draft instrument for discussion. He also directed Dr. Dougherty to check with our attorney regarding the specifics of the evaluation process in relation to closed session. He stated that the director's evaluation will take place in June.

V. Closed Session:

There were no items for closed session.

VI. Public Session: Report out of closed session

No report, given the absence of a closed session.

VII. Future Agenda Items

Middleton, Young & Minney, LLP

Draft calendar

Summer retreat for the board

VI. Adjournment

Christine Davies moved to adjourn the meeting, with Sharyi Hanson seconding. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.