

Minutes
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
224 Hartnell Avenue, Redding CA 96002
January 12, 2011
5:15 pm
Regular Meeting

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I. PRELIMINARY

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Greg Beale at 5:20 pm
- B. **ROLL CALL**
Greg Beale ___X___ Sharyi Hanson ___X___ Christine Davies ___X___ Molly Oliver ___A___
Ole Olson ___A___ Crickett Miller ___X___
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Greg Beale
- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion by: Shari Hanson **Seconded by:** Christine Davies **Vote:** 3/0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - 1.) Rose James presented a letter to each board member and to Dr. Dougherty.
- B. **INFORMATION: Director's Report**
 - 1.) Dr. Dougherty has refrained from asking the board to approve the Administrative Assistant job description in order to allow time to ascertain that this job description fills APL's needs. The position was advertised on Craigslist for 72 hours. There were over 100 responses to the advertisement and more than 50 applications and resumes submitted. The administrative team will begin paper screening the applicants.
 - 2.) Dr. Dougherty shared a PowerPoint presentation with information comparing and contrasting the El Dorado and Shasta County SELPAs.
 - 3.) Dr. Dougherty discussed Governor Brown's proposed budget for the state of California. There will be no changes in K-12 school funding if voters pass ballot measures to maintain temporary tax increases. Karl Yoder and Dr. Dougherty will create two budgets for APL to be prepared for either outcome from the state.
 - 4.) APL has been reevaluating VEPs. For spring semester, all onsite VEPs have been changed to regular site classes, thus allowing students to choose another VEP, if they so desire. Some of the classes which have been changed include onsite Guitar, Spanish, French, Digital Photography, and Knitting. APL is also considering the financial feasibility of adding VEPs to allow families to access more than one vendor per month.
 - 5.) Leadership Redding has requested that Dr. Dougherty participate in a panel discussion on School Choice on March 3rd.
 - 6.) The administrative team and the Response to Intervention (RTI) team have been looking at data management systems. After the March teacher meeting, recommendations for a data management system will be made to the board with a cost/benefit analysis.
 - 7.) APLs last California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) administration resulted in fewer passes than we had hoped. The staff is working to get Scantron assessment done by all students. Students, who do not

pass the CAHSEE, do not receive a high school diploma. Christine Davies mentioned the Khan Academy, which has resources for instruction.

8.) Marie McClintock, a student teacher from Simpson University, will be working at APL for nine weeks teaching French and several other classes.

9.) APL's P1 Average Daily Attendance (ADA) was 352.9. The current enrollment is 396 students.

C. INFORMATION: Advisory Council Report: Crickett Miller

1.) Crickett Miller stated that teachers had reported briefly on the writing assessment that had been given to students in grades 3-12.

2.) The Advisory Council adopted the Medications/Contagious Illness Policy for final reading and the Volunteer Protocol Policy for its second and final reading. The Discipline Policy is nearly completed.

D. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest:

1.) Greg Beale read a thank you letter from an APL parent and student who were grateful for their Turtle Bay membership.

Teacher Presentations:

1.) Rose James reported that she will be on a WASC visiting team at Shingle Springs Montessori School in March. After participating in 40 hours of training last June in a neurobiology program, Rose has both of her biology classes participating in a research project utilizing daphnia to study addiction.

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The Executive Director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

1. **Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting 12/8/2010**

2. **Warrant Register**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by: Christine Davies **Seconded by:** Sharyi Hansen **Vote:** 3/0

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ACTION: Adopt Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)/Local Education Agency (LEA) Assurances**

(Must be submitted yearly assuming that we are providing services.)

Motion by: Christine Davies **Seconded by:** Sharyi Hansen **Vote:** 3/0

2. **INFORMATION/ACTION: First Reading: Volunteer Protocol Policy**

(Crickett Miller noted that volunteers need to be fingerprinted and should be aware of confidentiality requirements.)

Motion by: __NA__ **Seconded by:** __NA__ **Vote:** __NA__

(2nd reading and approval slated for next month's meeting.)

3. **INFORMATION/ACTION: First Reading: Complaint Protocol Policy**

(Crickett Miller stated this policy lays out steps for filing complaints.)

Motion by: ___NA___ Seconded by: ___NA___ Vote: ___NA___

4. INFORMATION/ACTION: Second Reading: Medications/Contagious Illness Policy

(Crickett Miller came to board meeting previously. This policy was delayed due to potential medical marijuana laws that are now irrelevant.)

Motion by: Sharyi Hansen Seconded by: Christine Davies Vote: 3/0

5. INFORMATION: Second Reading: Admission And Enrollment Policy

(Dr. Dougherty is working to establish clarity that enrollment is not automatic, and students should remain enrolled at previous school until accepted at APL.)

Motion by: ___NA___ Seconded by: ___NA___ Vote: ___NA___

6. INFORMATION: Second Reading: Graduation Requirements Policy w/ Course Matrix Addendum

(Dr. Dougherty suggested that since Ole Olson and Molly Oliver were not present, this reading should be informational only, with action at the next board meeting.)

Motion by: ___NA___ Seconded by: ___NA___ Vote: ___NA___

7. INFORMATION: Updates to Student Handbook

(Dr. Dougherty discussed updates to the handbook with the board.)

Motion by: ___NA___ Seconded by: ___NA___ Vote: ___NA___

8. INFORMATION: API Informational Presentation

Christy Morris did a PowerPoint presentation on API/AYP, with APLs results for 2009/2010. Her presentation showed the need for improvement in APLs 2011 testing.

9. INFORMATION: AB 354 Updates To California Immunization Law

There has been an update to California's immunization law for whooping cough, of which we will inform our families.

10. INFORMATION: "Giving Students a Say May Spur Engagement and Achievement"

This is an article by Jeff Rice of the A+PLUS organization.

V. CLOSED SESSION

Adjourn to Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: three potential cases
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:45 pm.

PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION; includes the vote of abstention of every member

The Board President reported that the board had directed Dr. Dougherty to proceed as directed by legal counsel concerning three potential cases.

VIII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board will consider items for future Board Meeting Agendas:

- 1.) Updates on API/RTI
- 2.) SELPA discussion
- 3.) Update from Rose James regarding biology project.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.