

MINUTES
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
2195 Larkspur Lane Suite #100, Redding CA 96002
March 7, 2013
5:15 pm
Regular Meeting

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I. PRELIMINARY

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 5: 19 PM**
- B. ROLL CALL**
Greg Beale X Sharyi Hanson X Jeannie Eminger X Cheryl Calhoun X
Open Seat Crickett Miller X
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion by: Cheryl Calhoun Seconded by: Sharyi Hanson Vote: 3/0/0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None**
- B. INFORMATION: Director's Report**
- Dr. Dougherty discussed the use of the new security cameras to “catch” a student who stole a staff member’s sandwich from the staff refrigerator. The student will apologize to the staff member and bring two sandwiches so they can have lunch together. The Board asked how we are going to make everyone aware of the presence of the cameras. The director noted that once all cameras are installed, their presence will be posted.
 - There are schedule conflicts for Board members for the April Board meeting. The date was changed from April 18th to April 11th.
 - The next staff meeting on March 18th will focus on STAR prep and scheduling.
 - A staff member is on administrative leave. Other staff members have stepped up to assume that person’s duties.
 - The State recalculated APL’s Academic Performance Index (API) and Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). The API dropped from 714 to 711. (This change was attributed to APL’s drop-out rate and the fact that there was no change in the lowest performance subsets.) APL is now considered a 1st year Program Improvement school for the 2013/2014 school year. STAR test results must improve for Charter renewal. APL endeavors to better prepare students for the STAR tests and is changing the schedule of STAR testing so that students can perform more successfully. A Board member asked if teachers are responsible for the decrease in test scores. Dr. Dougherty responded that parents are the primary instructors of their children in a home school program, but that some teachers have been lax in holding parents accountable and providing support to aid the instruction of their children.
- C. INFORMATION: Advisory Council Report: Crickett Miller**
Crickett Miller presented the events of the Advisory Council meeting of March 6, 2013.

- D. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions
Greg Beale discussed his latest WASC Review at a high school in Paradise, California.

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 Minutes of Board Meeting 02/21/2013**
2. **Warrant Register**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by: Jeannie Eminger Seconded by: Cheryl Calhoun Vote: 3/0/0

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Approve: Engagement Agreement Feddersen & Company CPA/Auditors
This is a three year contract with the auditing firm APL has been working with. Dr. Dougherty said this company is highly regarded, specializes in Charter schools, and does a very thorough job. A Board member said the price is extremely low. The Board member suggested that we request a different person in the office (a different set of eyes) and that we should consider engaging a different company when the contract comes up for renewal.
Motion by: Cheryl Calhoun Seconded by: Sharyi Hanson Vote: 3/0/0
2. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** : Approve 2nd Interim Budget
Karl Yoder and Dr. Dougherty took a conservative approach and wrote the budget for less than the expected ADA because funds from the State are not assured. Year end revenue projections show 4.8% in reserve. The budget now shows SPED funds that come through the JPA.
Motion by: Cheryl Calhoun Seconded by: Jeannie Eminger Vote: 3/0/0
3. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Staff Recognition: NASA & Arts Council
 - APL teacher David Ewart received a letter from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory with a Certificate of Participation for APL's involvement in the NASA Space Place.
 - Five of Christy Vail's students had their artwork accepted into the Shasta County Arts Council's High School Juried Art Show.**Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Vote: __N/A_____**
4. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** David Ewart; Update, e-STEAM Academy
David Ewart did a presentation about a proposed program for APL: entrepreneurs in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Applied Mathematics (e-STEAM).
Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Vote: ____N/A_____
5. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Staff Training; Mandated Reporter Training & Dr. Goedert's Presentation
These are upcoming trainings planned for staff members.
Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Vote: ____N/A_____
6. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Updates: School Security , School Calendar 2013/2014, & WASC
 - Measures to improve school security are moving forward.
 - APL is waiting for SUHSD to finalize their calendar before finalizing our 2013/2014 School Calendar.

- WASC Update includes:
 1. Professional development for Common Core Standards via staff participation in workshops and shared at staff meetings
 2. APL still needs to work on improving high school counseling
 3. Development of assessments, especially writing assessments, has been ongoing
 4. RTI (Response to Intervention), especially in reading and math, is being developed, disseminated, and discussed at staff meetings
 5. Chain of succession plan is in process but needs more work
 6. Understanding standardized test results and modifying curriculum is ongoing at staff meetings
 7. Benchmark assessments are being developed and utilized

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Vote: ___N/A_____

V. CLOSED SESSION

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

Update: Correspondence from Parent; Regarding Student

VI. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at __7:05 pm_____.

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

The Board President will report out any action taken in closed session, if any.

The Board heard the director’s report. The Board took no action.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will consider items for future Board Meeting Agendas.

The Board changed the April Board meeting to April 11th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.