

MINUTES
ACADEMY OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
2195 Larkspur Lane Suite #100, Redding CA 96002
January 15, 2015
5:15 pm
Regular Meeting

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I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:24 pm

B. ROLL CALL

Christopher Hunt X Rebecca Hoerber X John Del Rio X Cheryl Calhoun X

Mary Ewart X Patricia Dougherty X Crickett Miller X

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With an extension of the time for speaking to 30 minutes

Motion by: Dr. Dougherty Seconded by: Cheryl Calhoun Vote: 5/0/0

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members' will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

- A CTA representative spoke about funding figures that were presented at the November Board meeting.
- Another CTA representative urged Board members to compare student enrollment figures last year and this year.
- Former employee Mark Youmans communicated that not being able to complete his grade book was difficult for him.
- A parent spoke to express his concerns about recent events, questioning why five teachers were let go and if Gateway will shut the school down.
- Another parent, who is the mother of a student with an IEP, said that it was difficult for her child to transition to a new teacher. She stated that as "our APL" we must come together and work together.
- Kimberly Coughren read a letter written by Barbara Mehr, an APL parent and teacher, affirming Dr. Dougherty's role as APL's administrator.
- David Ewart read a letter written by APL teacher Vanessa Burger, who expressed concerns about teachers' ethics issues at APL, which she believes are violations of the Employee Handbook.
- APL teacher Matthew Miller read his letter of appreciation and support for Dr. Dougherty.
- Christy Vail, former APL teacher, said she would like clarification about the budget situation and job cuts.
- An APL student shared that she was upset about the loss of teachers.
- Another APL student expressed appreciation for the school, but believes the loss of teachers to be unfair.

B. INFORMATION: Director's Report

This is a presentation of information that has occurred since the previous Board meeting.

- A Simpson University student teacher, Michael Maher, is working onsite. Jeanna Parks is serving as his master teacher.
- Changes have been made in the spring schedule classes.
- APL has been in contact with the El Dorado SELPA, as one of APL's teachers is out on medical leave.
- An APL Science Fair has been tentatively scheduled for March 6.
- There has been a change in curriculum for the Math Lab class to allow for more targeted skill-building practice.
- P1 ADA was 445.43 and current enrollment stands at 455 students.
- Dr. Dougherty deferred the rest of her report time to APL student Keith Mulvey to present his website Pure Help, a website that will help people all over the world connect in a positive and emotional way. David Ewart shared that Keith met with interested people who will provide funding assistance to pursue this endeavor.

C. INFORMATION: Advisory Council Report: Crickett Miller:

Crickett Miller reported the proceedings of the January Advisory Council meeting.

D. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Board and staff discuss items of mutual interest.

Teacher Presentations

- Lynn Weidenkeller read a letter to the Board regarding Dr. Dougherty's contributions to APL's success throughout her tenure as director. She also thanked the Board members for their diligence in overseeing all facets of APL.
- John Del Rio stated that he has been on the Board for quite some time yet never heard from anyone. He finds it disingenuous that teachers have not attended meetings before.
- Chris Hunt communicated that APL is going through a lot right now. He stated that he wants to work with the union and with all entities to move forward. The school will survive if we find common ground and focus on the students.

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 12/18/2014**
2. **Warrant Register**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by: Dr. Dougherty Seconded by: Cheryl Calhoun Vote: 6/0/0

IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Change in March 2015 Board Meeting Date to March 11, 2015
There will be a strategic planning session on March 11. The public is invited to attend the meeting.
Motion by: Cheryl Calhoun Seconded by: Rebecca Hoerber Vote: 6/0/0
2. **INFORMATION/ACTION:** Safety and Security Update

Renato Silva has worked diligently to maintain safety at APL. There have been several parking lot issues that he has dealt with. With a Consent to Enforcement form on file, the police can be called and they will come and potentially arrest someone posing a threat to the safety of the school.

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

3. INFORMATION/ACTION : Enrollment and ADA P1 Update

Discussed in Director's Report

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

4. INFORMATION/ACTION : WASC Mid-Term Visiting Committee Update

There is a tentative date of March 6 for APL's mid-term WASC visit. Staff worked on the report for the mid-term review at the January staff meeting. This work will be continued at the next staff meeting in March.

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

V. CLOSED SESSION: 6:21 pm

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

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 7:21 pm.

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

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

No actions were taken.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will consider items for future Board Meeting Agendas.

No future agenda items were stated.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.