

**Public Academy For Performing Arts  
Governing Council Minutes  
Minutes of June 9th, 2008**

**Voting Members Present: Valerie Scott, Julian Rivera, Sheryl Garcia, RoseAnn McKernan,  
Doug Redfield, Tom Moore, Charles Pettitt**

**Quorum Achieved: Yes. There are 7 voting members present.**

**Non-Voting Members Present: David Margolin, Ginny Wilmerding**

**Members Absent: Nancy Oriola**

**Guests: Katy Harvey, Principal; Christopher Koller, Faculty; Susan M. Brower, Faculty;  
Shaun Blaisdell, Parent; Sojourner Oya, Faculty; Joanne Carter, Faculty; Kathie  
Scott, Staff; Karen Walsh, Parent; Courtney Lawton, Faculty; Kathie Deja,  
Community; Julie Dexter, AP; Stephanie Dexter, Faculty; Judy Garcia, Staff; Nellee  
Thompson, Parent; Paige Thompson, Student; Jackie Danfelter, Staff; Rhonda  
Lovato, Business Manager; M C Rosenberger, Community; Evan Rosenberger,  
Faculty; Roger Miller, Community; Dan Humphreys, Faculty; Sharon Sivinski,  
Community; John Gallegos, Community; Scott Newland, Parent; Frank Baca,  
Faculty; Linda Brody, Community; Donna Jacobson, Parent; Correna Betenbough,  
Parent; Yarrow Allaire, Student; Noah Allaire, Student; Raeven Ortiz, Student; and  
Kay Bratton, Parent .**

**Agenda Convening Meeting, Roll Call for Quorum**

**Item 1 Have 7 voting members present. It's a quorum.**

**Agenda Approval of the Agenda**

**Item 2 Doug made the motion to approve the agenda. Julian seconded the motion and it passed  
unanimously.**

**Agenda Approval Of Minutes for the GC Meetings of April 14th; May 12, Regular GC; May 12,**

**Item 3 Special Meeting; May 19, 2008.**

**RoseAnn made the motion to accept the Minutes of April 14th as amended. Seconded by  
Doug and it passed unanimously.**

**Julian made the motion to accept the Minutes of May 12, Regular GC. It was seconded  
by Valerie and it passed unanimously.**

**Doug made the motion to accept the Minutes of May 12, Special Meeting. It was seconded  
by Julian and it passed unanimously.**

**Julian made the motion to accept the Minutes of May 19 as amended adding "Doug left at  
approximately 5:45 pm" Sheryl seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Open Forum**

**Item 4 Charles gave the APS Board rules re no outbursts etc except PAPA speakers would have one  
minute not three to speak.**

**Joanne Carter said that the leadership had changed the atmosphere over the years. Early on  
there wasn't much academic pressure. Now, students are in the hall studying. Leadership  
installed high expectations for teachers. Taken on tough challenges. 11% of class  
valedictorians says a lot. We met AYP. Kathie Scott said that the principal moved in the  
right direction; is dedicated, ethical and deserves your support; e-mails acted on without  
a formal grievance policy. Chris Kohler said he was for the principal. He has been here  
since the beginning. School has turned into more of a performing arts school. Courtney  
Lawton said she supports the principal. She's being undermined; bullied on the web which**

divulges confidential information. She said to get behind the principal. If you extend her contract create for her a property right. If allegations are true then you have no choice but to let her go. Nellee Thompson likes the school. Vote to continue her. If it's a change, you'll lose faculty. Paige Thompson said she was upset because she disagrees with the firing of teacher who many students adored. Scott Newland said he was in favor of principal due to her leadership. Susan Brower said that on July 3rd she was asked to leave campus and couldn't do her job. Kim Martinez said that the question as to the lottery she has knowledge that it was not followed. Her son was admitted to school at semester with no lottery procedure. Kay Bratton wanted to speak for Julie Dexter. Kay is a parent of PAPA student. She notes high quality of teachers. She is also an attorney and has been engaged by certain administrator. She has no opinion or advice. Grievance irregularities in the way students have been admitted. If best argument is the lottery, she didn't see anyone here negatively affected. She said to offer her another contract. Yarrow Allaire is in support of the principal. She is professional and understanding. Anyone who has participated in the Weblog is inappropriate. Noah Allaire said that he supports the top administrator. She is extremely fair with issues that arise. She is connected with all students. Renew her contract. Patricia Allaire has support for the principal. She is always professional. She addresses my concerns. She cautioned the Governing Council to make the decision well. Sharon Sivinski said that everyone who has been here since the first year is here because they saw how badly things were before. My kid was first kid of faculty to be admitted. It's OKayed from PED website as long as it's a small percentage of student enrollment. Improvements are astounding. Donna Jacobson said she has assisted here. She had her niece desperately want to come here and didn't get in. She has been here years and years and her niece hasn't been put in.

#### Agenda Facilities Committee Report – Possible Action Item

Item 5 Roger said that last month the GC asked the Facilities Committee to advise them on the status, 8 documents were sent out, 4 addressed specific actions. Linda went through a little history of the Long Range Plan. She explained that this was never a decision making body. The GC makes the decisions. The Long Range Committee morphed into the Facilities Committee. Lots of meetings and visitations to various sites. Recently, we are in a new position with APS and meeting with developers from Mesa del Sol. The GC can pursue this more. We have met with Design Plus. No decisions have been made. Charles wanted to know what they had delivered. Roger said that they are working on a conceptual plan, presentation and cost estimate. We discussed that the Long Range Plan needs to be updated because it is a "Living Document". Roger went over an outline of the work he had done at the request of Lisa Grover of the Charter Schools Coalition. There were discussions with Beth Everitt, Brad Winter, Art Melendez at APS. They became quiet. In 2007, he and Katy met with APS and a few other schools. We are now in the first phase of a pilot program – the Schematic phase. We should get something at the end of the summer plus a cost estimate. Our funding needs will be put into the Capital Master Plan. The third program is to proceed with the design and construction of a building. We are not a 100% sure we can go through considering that the plan was put through under the prior superintendent. We now have a new one who has an interest in Magnet schools. It might be impossible for the Charter Authorizing Agency to approve PAPA's charter unless we are in a public building by July 1st, 2010. APS could delay the approval of our charter. In the final process we were warned by a third party that if we talk to Mesa del Sol it will cause a problem with APS. Certain people went out on a limb for us and we could lose their support. Karen

Alarid has told us that 2010 is the earliest time we could get a facility. Charles wanted to know if the MOU was one of the steps. Roger said yes, it gets us a schematic design, cost estimates and a chance to get the community involved, and a working relationship with APS. Charles wanted to know if Design Plus was contracted by APS. Roger said yes. Roger went on to say that the next G O Bond election is in 2010. Funding will depend on what we want to put into it. Doug said that if funding was not voted on by 2010 chances are we wouldn't get it. Roger said that we need to be in a public building. Linda mentioned that another purpose for the Long Range Plan was another document to get funding for the school. Valerie mentioned that the Foundation could help. Doug wanted to know when is next charter revision. Katy said, July 1, 2010. Roger said that APS is doing some decision making for us. It's in our lap to figure out where the school will be get property and oversee construction. Charles wanted to know if there was a time frame. The answer was no.

John went over information on Mesa del Sol. He said that in 2007, he and Katy were invited by Lynn Anderson of NAIOP to meet Harry Relkin. Mesa del Sol is building a planned community south of the airport. Their most recent project was Forest City in Covington at the Denver airport. Fidelity Financial broke ground here. The homes here will be from \$100,000 to million dollar homes. Mesa del Sol has a national education team working on their plans for schools in the community. They are now building an elementary school with no portables!!! Rilken gave a presentation at PAPA. The GC has to talk to Mesa del Sol. Could they have a building for PAPA in Fall of 2009? They said yes. They will work with our architectural team. Doug wanted to know if it is part of APS. John said they don't know yet. RoseAnn said that APS could not give away a part of their district without approval. Roger said that the area is within APS.

Roger also had a discussion with Dr. Brown (See notes). He has talked to Amrep with a possibility of donating land near their railroad. They have also met with staff of Railrunner. (see notes).

Roger's recommendations are –

1. Renegotiate the Pinetree lease.
2. Review and discuss information given to GC.
3. Initiate public discussions and poll your PAPA community.
4. Make a decision – Mesa del Sol or existing plans.

Charles wanted to know if the Facilities Committee will continue to pursue Design Plus. Roger said yes.

#### Agenda Finance Committee Report – BARs – Possible Action Item

Item 6 Doug said that we should have the minutes in our packets. Rhonda will take over. She has some BARs. Rhonda said that Activities is finally reconciled. Teachers helped us with that. The excess amounts came from fees at the beginning of the year. She said that there was a large cash balance from last year., plus excess monies received from the state.

Tom made the motion to approve BAR 001-047-0708-0022-I. It was seconded by Doug and it passed unanimously.

Doug made the motion to approve BAR 001-047-0708-0024-I. It was seconded by Julian and it passed unanimously.

Tom made the motion to approve BAR 001-047-0708-0025-I. It was seconded by Julian and it passed unanimously.

**It was noted that we would not have the next GC until July.**

**Sheryl made the motion to approve BAR 2008-047-020 – State Equalization. Rose Ann seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Sheryl made the motion to approve BAR 2008-047-021 – IDEA-B. Julian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be July 8 th.**

**Charles wanted to know when 2008 ends. Rhonda said June 30th, the next one starts July 1st.**

#### **Agenda Policy Committee Report**

**Item 7 RoseAnn said that the committee will be carrying on and will bring back policy changes to the GC. The next task will be to match the Charter to the policies. Charles wanted to know when does she want to present the policies. RoseAnn said the third week in July. She will make sure that everyone gets a copy.**

#### **Agenda Foundation Report**

**Item 8 Nancy was supposed to give a report to Valerie to share with GC, however Valerie did not receive one.**

#### **Agenda Arts Committee**

**Item 9 Valerie said that she had nothing much to report.**

#### **Agenda Principal's Report**

**Item 10 (See pink copy on file). Katy reported on the following:**

- \* Incoming Student Interviews - 49 completed.**
- \* Kathie Scott and Katy met with CSF last week re leasing 2 more rooms - \$500 each. Rhonda looking at how will fit into budget.**
- \* One of the directors of the B’Nai Israel synagogue met with her to discuss available space. David mentioned how to reciprocate for parking rights.**
- \* Four teaching positions open for the fall – High School History, High School Math/ Science, Part time High School Math, and Special Education. Received over 30 resumes.**
  - \* Teachers are signing contracts for the new school year.**

#### **Agenda Membership Committee**

**Item 11 Charles said that we didn’t want to scramble like last year. Who is coming off? Julian, Sheryl and Nancy. RoseAnn will also be coming off but will finish policies. Charles will be coming off as President but might still be member. Tom will take over as President. John Gallegos was chairperson last year. Will work on this. Julian and Ginny volunteered to help.**

#### **Agenda Closed Session Under NMSA 1978 10-15-(H) for Consideration of the Principal's**

**Item 12 Evaluation Report and Limited Personnel Matters.**

**Doug made the motion to go into Closed Session per the aforementioned law.**

**Roll Call – Present, Tom, Charles, RoseAnn, Julian, Doug, Sheryl, Valerie and Katy.**

#### **Agenda Principal Contract Renewal Vote - Back into Open Session**

**Item 13** The statement was made, “ Matters discussed in the Closed Session were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure or in the notice of the separate closed session. No votes were taken or motions made in the Closed Session. Back in Open Session -

A vote was taken on the renewal of Katy’s contract. The vote was unanimous to renew the contract – Charles, Julian, Tom, Sheryl, RoseAnn, Doug and Valerie.

Charles made the motion to perform an audit of the Lottery Process at PAPA to investigate the Lottery Process, and this should be done by a third party. The decision to do the lottery audit was mutually agreed to by the GC and the principal. Valerie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Agenda Motion to Adjourn**

**Item 14** RoseAnn made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Doug and it passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Valerie Scott, Secretary. GC Members, please read these minutes carefully and let me know if there are any corrections to be made. Note that I have given copies to GC members who were absent so that they will be brought up to date. When minutes are presented for approval, the absentees should not vote on the minutes, since they did not attend the meeting.

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