

Public Academy for Performing Art  
Governing Council Minutes  
Minutes of January 12, 2009

Voting Members Present: Tom Moore, Roger Miller, Doug Redfield, Amy Anderson,  
Randy Costales  
Quorum Achieved: Yes. There are 5 voting members present.  
Non-Voting  
Members Present: Su Hudson and Ed Torrez  
Members Absent: Gloria Rodriguez  
Guests: Valerie Scott, Julie Dexter, Tamara Henderson, Virgil  
Navarrete, Anita Navarrete, Mary Lou Turner, Mary Torres

Agenda Item 1 – Convene Meeting, Roll Call for Quorum

5 voting members present. Quorum achieved.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Agenda

Motion: Randy Costales  
Seconded: Amy Anderson  
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes for the 12/15/08 GC Meeting

Motion: Amy Anderson  
Seconded: Randy Costales  
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 4 – Open Forum

Anita Navarrete

Anita's daughter auditioned and got a part in a production that conflicts with the Spring Showcase. She wants to know if her daughter will be penalized for missing the Spring Showcase. She wants to know if the school has lost its focus to support artists and performers. Tamara Henderson will contact her to discuss this matter.

Valerie Scott

Valerie would like all GC Closed Sessions to take place at the end of the GC meeting in order to be more convenient for guests.

She reminded the GC that the ILP is a substantial part of the charter and passed out pages from the Charter where the ILP is noted. She would like to know how the ILP process will be implemented. Tom will call Valerie later in the week to discuss ILPs.

Valerie would like to see the Agenda on the new website. Julie Dexter will have the Agenda on the website.

#### Stella Lavis

Stella Lavis passed out a letter to the GC giving her support to retain Tamara Henderson as the permanent principal for the 2009-2010 school year.

#### Ed Torrez

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir students participated in a PBS production with the NM Symphony orchestra which will premiere in April. The NMMEA HS All State Choir took place this weekend and all of the mixed choir girls had solos. This speaks well for the school. The kids were great. Ed Torrez has been appointed Repertoire and Standards State Chair by the American Choral Directors Association and is also up for National Chair for Repertoire and Standards. Approximately 15-16 students will be attending the Elementary Youth All State in Las Cruces. PAPA is very successful and art minded.

#### Julie Dexter

Julie Dexter would like to have a time slot in the Agenda for the next GC Meeting to discuss Individual Learning Plans and Next Step Plans. The new website ([paparts.org](http://paparts.org)) was up and running on Friday, January 9, 2009.

#### Agenda Item 4 – CG Retreat

The GC will meet at Tom Moore's house for the annual GC Retreat on February 21, 2009 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. This meeting is to set goals and discuss roles and responsibilities of the GC. Snacks will be provided. Doug Redfield volunteered to help Tom Moore work on agenda for GC Retreat.

#### Agenda Item 5– Facility Update

Roger Miller and the facilities committee will meet with Design Plus on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 for the 95% meeting. Roger also discussed the fall back plan which is to build a new building from the ground up.

Highlands University is planning on buying College of Santa Fe. The Board would like to know how this will affect our lease.

The APS deadline for acquiring a permanent facility is July 1, 2010 but APS is considering extending the deadline for all Charter Schools to 2014.

#### Agenda Item 6 – Principal Evaluation Document Update

The committee met again to edit the Principal Evaluation Document. One more meeting is scheduled to complete the revisions to the PED. Once the document is revised, it goes to the board for approval, then to the APS Policy Committee to approve for advertising, there is a waiting period to allow for public comment, back to APS Policy Committee and back to GC for final policy revision.

#### Agenda Item 7 – GC Vice President and Secretary Discussion

The GC was asked if there was anyone interested in volunteering for the Vice President and Secretary position. Randy Costales would consider the VP position but thinks that it would be beneficial to get more experience before he would feel comfortable stepping in.

#### Agenda Item 8 – GC Community Member Recruitment Activity

Tom Moore wanted suggestions on how to get the community involved in the GC for the existing term which ends in October 2010.

- Playbill
- Robert Montoya with the Charter School Coalition is talking with NAOPP and State Farm.
- Public Access Channel – make a Public Service Announcement.
- PBS - KUNM– community calendar.
- Journal - School Section
- Craig’s list

The need for a GC Community member will go out in next month’s playbill and a public service announcement has been approved to take place on the Public Access Channel.

Roger Miller, Doug Redfield and Ed Torrez volunteered to be on the GC Community Recruitment Committee. The GC Community Member Search, along with these suggestions, will be added to the GC Retreat agenda

#### Agenda Item 9 – Closed Session Under NMSA 1978, 10-14-1H to discuss previous personnel matters and legal fees.

Motion to go into closed session: Roger Miller  
Seconded Motion: Doug Redfield  
Passed unanimously

No notes, votes or actions were taken during closed session, and that only the items stated on the agenda were discussed.

#### Agenda Item 9 – Principal Report

See attached report.

#### Agenda Item 10 – Finance Report and BARS

See attached budget report

Doug Redfield presented the finance report. The school is financially on track with budget with approximately \$128,000.00 in the operational account.

The finance committee met on January 6, 2009. Tom Moore, Randy Costales, Doug Redfield, Jackie Danfelser, Rhonda Lovato and Tamara Henderson were in attendance. The committee reviewed bank recs, reviewed the budget, and reviewed journal entries. The committee approved three internal BARS at the January 6, 2009 meeting.

#### Agenda Item 11 – Principal Search Committee Update

Su Hudson, Amy Anderson and Ed Torrez will hold a meeting with teachers and the community to discuss the principal search. The committee will be available to talk with teachers and community members one on one instead of a public forum meeting. The meeting will be advertised on the website, PTSO, and via e-mail to all PAPA staff.

As per the Minutes of Emergency Meeting 7/23/08, there is no commitment that a principal search is required.

#### Agenda Item 12 – GC Meetings – Action Item

Rhonda Lovato has a conflict with the second Monday of the month. Tom Moore recommended changing the GC Meetings to the third week of the month. A day will be chosen after a review of the calendar.

Motion: Randy Costales  
Seconded: Amy Anderson  
Passed Unanimously

Agenda Item 14 - Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Doug Redfield

Seconded: Randy Costales

Passed Unanimously

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jackie Danfelser