

**Public Academy for Performing Art
Governing Council Minutes (Draft)
Minutes of December 15, 2008**

Voting Members Present: Tom Moore, Roger Miller, Doug Redfield, Amy Anderson,
Gloria Rodriguez
Quorum Achieved: Yes. There are 5 voting members present.
Non-Voting
Members Present: Su Hudson and Ed Torrez
Members Absent: Randy Costales
Guests: Debbie Candelaria, Valerie Scott, Julie Dexter, Tamara
Henderson, and Rhonda Lovato

Agenda Item 1 – Convene Meeting, Roll Call for Quorum

5 voting members present. Quorum achieved.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Agenda

Motion: Amy Anderson
Seconded: Roger Miller
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes for the 11/17/08 GC Meeting

Motion: Doug Redfield
Seconded: Roger Miller
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 4 – Open Forum

Valerie Scott expressed concerns over the Individual Learning Plan (ILP). The PAPA Charter clearly outlines the ILP requirements – it is intended to help the students set goals. Valerie feels that the ILP is not being implemented at PAPA and urges the council to take action to make sure that the requirements are being met as specified in the Charter.

Debbie Candelaria welcomed the new board members and thanked last years board members. She also expressed her appreciation for Tamara Henderson.

Agenda Item 5 - Address Subcommittees

Policy committee has not met. Roger Miller would like to meet in January 2009 to discuss assembling an agenda to include discussing the charter renewal, ILPs and various policy matters. He would also like to work on the annual continuing resolution which addresses where the monthly meetings will be held and how they are advertised.

Tom Moore asked for volunteers to serve on the Principal Search Committee. Amy Anderson, Su Hudson, and Doug Redfield volunteered. Su Hudson said that PAPA teachers have expressed interest in this committee. She will present a list at the next GC Meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Foundation Update

Su Hudson said that Nancy Oriola has stepped down as chairman of foundation. Su Hudson is willing to chair the foundation. Tom Moore will call Su Hudson to discuss foundation. Main focus of foundation is to raise money for the school.

Agenda Item 7 – Facility Update

Roger Miller, Dan Humphreys, Naomi Montoya, and Julie Dexter, the facilities committee, met with Design Plus on December 4, 2008 to discuss revised space plans. Revisions include adding individual rehearsal rooms in the music department. The film department was also part of the discussion. They discussed the possibility of sharing the Highland facility with two other organizations. A meeting will be scheduled with the architects when they are 95% done with the plans.

A county commissioners meeting was held to discuss the Highland Theatre and possibly negotiating a deal with the National Dance Institute. They seem to want to cut PAPA out. APS is looking into what options PAPA may have. If the Highland Theatre is shared, it was recommended, that the shared areas should be managed by a 4th independent agency.

Roger Miller discussed Plan B, which is buying an empty lot and building a new building which would be more expensive than refurbishing the Highland Theatre.

Amy Anderson suggested looking into Del Norte. They are currently housing a tech magnet school; they are under capacity and on the verge of closing. Roger said that APS is not open to this idea because the property is worth at least \$20 a square foot. So their best option would be to sell or convert it to a tech magnet school.

Agenda Item 8 – Principal Evaluation Document Update

Tom Moore, Roger Miller, Gloria Rodriguez and Tamara Henderson met before GC meeting. They will meet one more time within the next month to revise the principal evaluation document. Tom Moore is required to apply for a waiver on some of the items that will be changed on the Principal Evaluation Document. The committee will meet again in January to set goals for the principal.

The GC will schedule a retreat in January to discuss the role of the GC. Tom Moore would like at least a 4 hour period set aside possibly on a Saturday. Gloria Rodriguez supplied a list of days and times that each GC member will be available for the retreat.

Agenda Item 9 – GC Vice President and Secretary Discussion

No one has stepped forward for the Vice President and Secretary position. The Vice President would sit in when Tom Moore is absent and would step in as President next year.

Agenda Item 10 – GC Community Member recruitment

Roger Miller, Doug Redfield and Ed Torrez volunteered to help find a GC Community Member. A request will be in the January playbill.

Agenda Item 11 – Principal Report

See Attached Report.
See Attached Playbill.

A student who has attended PAPA for 6 years dis-enrolled and received his GED. His parents have requested that he be allowed to walk the stage at PAPA's 2008-2009 graduation ceremony. The PAPA Policies and Procedures Manual does not address this issue. APS policy does not allow students to participate in a graduation ceremony when they receive their GED. An APS representative and a Charter School liaison said that the decision should be made and written in PAPA's policies. Roger Miller thinks that PAPA is required to fall-back on the APS rule if it is not specified in PAPA Policies and Procedures.

Tom Moore made a motion to deny this student the opportunity to participate in the 2008-2009 graduation ceremony. Roger seconded the motion.

Those In Favor: Roger Miller, Amy Anderson, Tom Moore

Those Opposed: Gloria Rodriguez

Other: Doug Redfield would like to discuss APS policy fall-back

Agenda Item 12 – Finance Report and BARS

See Attached Budget Report.

Finance committee met on December 9, 2008. New members include Tom Moore, Randy Costales and Julie Dexter. The committee reviewed bank recs, reviewed the budget, and reviewed journal entries. There were not BARS.

Rhonda recommended spending Instructional Materials money to a zero balance. APS has a shortage this year and may pull this money from next years budget if it is not spent by the end of the school year.

The committee discussed the possibility of a full time grant writer's position for next years budget. APS has proposed to increase fees for the 2009-2010 school year, therefore, the charter schools will have to compensate with more grants or cut the budget. Su Hudson suggested that a grant writer needs to be an intimate part of the school in order for the position to be effective. It was also suggested that this position generate its own income from the grants written.

Agenda Item 13 - PAPA Endorsement Concerns

Tom Moore made a statement that the GC does not endorse any part of the blog. GC members should not discuss school issues on the blog.

Staff repeatedly brings the blog issue to Tamara Henderson's attention and she would like to validate their concerns. The teachers feel undermined by GC members, teachers and parents that participate in the blog.

Ed Torrez recommended pushing the official PAPA website. Amy Anderson recommended updating the official PAPA website to make it more user friendly. Julie is going to work on the new website and have it up and running by the new year.

Agenda Item 14 – Committee Volunteers for Principal Search

Discussed in Agenda Item #5.

Motion to Adjourn: Amy Anderson
Seconded: Doug Redfield
Unanimously passed

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jackie Danfelser.