

**Public Academy for Performing Arts
Governing Council Minutes
Minutes of April 19, 2010**

Voting Members Present: Randy Costales, Amy Anderson, Joseph A. Wasson, Jr.,
Kerry Morris

Quorum Achieved: Yes. There are 4 voting members present.

Non-Voting Members Present: Scott Gullett and Virginia Wilmerding

Members Absent: Dr. David Margolin

Guests: Tamara Henderson, Rhonda Lovato, Valerie Scott, Ed
Torrez, Meg Gannett, Marcus Williams, Gabrielle
Gutierrez, Joanne Carter, Naomi Montoya, Su Hudson,
Keisha Primm-Matthews, Barbara Herrington, and Susan
Brower

Agenda Item 1 – Convene Meeting Roll Call for Quorum

Five voting members present. Quorum achieved.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Agenda

Motion: Amy Anderson
Seconded: Joseph A. Wasson, Jr.
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes for the 3/8/10 and 3/24/10 GC Meeting

Motion to Approve 3/8/10 GC Minutes: Joseph A. Wasson, Jr.
Seconded: Amy Anderson
Unanimously passed

Motion to Approve 3/24/10 GC Minutes: Kerry Morris
Seconded: Amy Anderson
Unanimously passed

**Agenda Item 4 – Principal Report – 4 Day Week Proposal for 2011-2012 School
Year – Action Item**

See Attached Principal Report

Tamara would like to send the 2011-2012 School Year – 4 Day Week proposal to the policy committee for additional review and input. The feedback from the community was not sufficient evidence that a four day week is in the best interest of our families.

Motion to send the 2011-2012 School Year – 4 Day Week proposal to the policy committee for additional review and input: Amy Anderson

Seconded with discussion: Kerry Morris

Opposed: Kerry Morris

Passed

Kerry Morris would like to know how the 4 day week benefits the students and the community.

Tamara explained the high school redesign. The format for graduating students will be different for the 2010-2011 school year. Seniors will have one opportunity to pass the High School competency exam. If they do not pass, they will not be allowed to graduate. Teachers are going to be required to develop a portfolio for each student. A 7th period will be available for students who would like to take a third elective for the 2010-2011 school year.

Scott explained that if we don't handle the new schedule correctly, it will be very destructive. The SBA Success rates for the seniors this year is high. If they fail a section of the test this year, they have an opportunity to retake that portion of the test. Next year, it has been mandated that if a student does not pass the test, they will not graduate.

Agenda Item #5 – Open Forum

Valerie Scott

February 16, 2010 GC Minutes are not on the PAPA website

Why was Certified Mail that Valerie sent to PAPA board members refused except for the principal's letter?

Is the time line in the HOUSSE process being followed?

She would like the PAPA website to reflect the correct GC Members.

She would like to know what committees exist and the members.

Is PAPA going to have an internal audit?

Why aren't the PAPA finance meetings listed on the PAPA website?

Melinda Nellos

Melinda's children have been attending PAPA for 7 years. The talent and intelligence among the staff is amazing. The school is amazing but she has

concerns about the checks and balances for administration. Where is the assistant principal?

Ed Torrez

A task force has been implemented to maintain the vision and purpose of the school. Teachers are on the task force from various departments at PAPA. Right now is not the time to make any changes to the school day. A 6 period day takes away from the students.

Meg Gannett

Why are non-administrators doing student investigations and writing reports?

Marcus Williams

He is very concerned about the 4 day school week. He is opposed to the 4 day week. It would not benefit his family. PAPA need to maintain the quality without cutting the options.

Gabrielle Gutierrez – Student Body President

She appreciates what the GC is doing. She would like to make the GC aware of the fact that there is tension and rumors being spread among the students. The teachers are doing an amazing job and she took 2 AP classes at PAPA. She thinks that everyone needs to get more involved. She would have liked to be on the GC but did not find out that she could until late this school year.

Joanne Carter

She has been teaching at PAPA for 8 years. She believes that there is still a sense of community at PAPA. We have a great staff, parents and students. Most of the rumors that are being spread around campus are not true. Legally there are issues that we as staff, students and community members cannot know about - but have faith and join together.

Naomi Montoya

PAPA is an amazing place to teach and learn. The students are thriving even with the less than perfect temporary facility. She asked a student to talk about the great things that he is learning in Dance. Let's try to see the whole picture.

Su Hudson

We are seeing great success at PAPA. There is support for the GC and support for Administration. The film department is growing – we are currently working

with Channel 26 and looking to have our work on Channel 27 and in the local library. I am dedicated to this school and I plan on having my son attend PAPA.

Keisha Matthews

She is a parent of 4 students at PAPA. There are lots of successful things going on at PAPA. Charter schools allow parents an awesome opportunity to make choices for students. She is unhappy with APS and the cookie cutter curriculum. She thinks that it is great that we are allowing another year for parents and teachers to discuss the 4 day week. There are so many options – block, modified block, modified 4 day schedules. Her daughter is in the 87th percentile and she is still nervous about the new SBA standards. She is disappointed about the lack of communication this year – Charter schools are community schools.

Barbara Herrington

PAPA has come a long way. Rumors happen in the absence of information. We have a very small admin staff who work with a lot of parents and staff. Try to look at the whole picture and not your own narrow concerns. Let's pull together and succeed with the school.

Susan Brower

She introduced herself as a disgruntled employee. Susan would like to serve on the GC and has submitted her resume. She is concerned that her child's safety is an issue at the temporary facility. This is the second principal at PAPA without a Performing Arts background. There is a single agenda. Where is the assistant principal? Are we going to a single administrator at PAPA? Her child will not be returning next year.

Steven Quezada

PAPA is a great school. I teach my children about looking at the positive. It all starts at home. He gave an invitation to the group to join PTSSO and start making a positive difference as a member of the PTSSO.

Agenda Item #6 – Finance Report – BARS – 2010-2011 Budget – Action Item

There was a 4% decrease in the 2010-2011 budget but was offset slightly by last year's increase in the Federal SEG stimulus.

Rhonda is working with Tamara Henderson and Randy Costales on finalizing the new 2010-2011 budget.

Motion to approve:

BAR #001-047-0910-0025-D – 2009-2010 Final Funded Unit Value
BAR # 001-047-0910-0026-I – 2009-2010 Final Funded SEG Federal
Stimulus: Kerry Morris
Seconded: Joseph A. Wasson, Jr.
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item #7 – Travel Request Approval – Action Item

Motion to approve Professional Development money to be spent on Out of State Travel for Tamara Henderson to attend the National Charter School Conference - \$1,600: Kerry Morris
Seconded: Amy Anderson
Unanimously Passed

Agenda Item #8 – Transfer of Funds from Federal Reserve Account to SEG Account – Action Item

Motion to Transfer full balance of \$30,000 from reserve account to SEG Account and close out reserve account: Amy Anderson
Seconded: Joseph A. Wasson, Jr.
Unanimously Passed

Agenda Item #9 – Social Security Agreement – Approval of 218 SS Agreement – Action Item

The Social Security Voluntary Agreement for Coverage of State and Local Employees was presented to the board to discuss and approve the continued Social Security Deduction from PAPA payroll.

Motion to continue with the 218 social security deduction: Amy Anderson
Seconded: Kerry Morris
Unanimously Passed

Agenda Item 10 – Formation of Audit Committee

State law requires that PAPA have an audit committee.

Motion to appoint Kerry Morris and Virginia Wilmerding to the PAPA Audit Committee: Amy Anderson
Seconded: Joseph A. Wasson, Jr.
Unanimously Passed

Agenda Item 11 – Closed Session under NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H)
Litigation: Tomorrow Pinetree Centre 33 vs. PAPA
Cause #2010-01118 2nd Judicial District
Principal Mid-Year Evaluation

Motion to go into Closed Session: Joseph A. Wasson, Jr.
Seconded: Amy Anderson
Unanimously Passed

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

Agenda Item 12 – Adjourn

Motion: Amy Anderson
Seconded: Joseph A. Wasson, Jr.
Unanimously passed

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Danfelser