

PAPA Governing Council Minutes

Minutes of Nov. 17, 2008 submitted by T.Henderson

Voting Members Present: Roger Miller, Amy Anderson, Randy Costales, Doug Redfield, Gloria Rodriguez

Quorum Achieved: Yes.

Non-voting members present: Su Hudson, Ed Torrez

Also attending: Julie Dexter, AP, Rhonda Lovato and Jackie Danfelser, Finance

Public: One parent, M. Turner

Agenda Convene Mtg. Roll call for quorum.

Item 1 Have at least four voting members present. It's a quorum.

Item 2 Agenda approved, with announcement by Roger that the attorney will have to be moved to the end of the mtg. due to her schedule. Ed made motion to approve agenda, 2nd motion-Amy.

Item 3 Approval of minutes for Oct. 29, 2008. Motion to approve, move to approve- Doug. 2nd motion-Amy. Now "all in favor" motion to approve minutes passes unanimously.

Item 4 moved to end of meeting, due to attorney's schedule

Item 5 Open forum, no comments

Item 6 Facilities. Roger reported that committee had met with Design Plus on 11/6. They are presenting architectural drawings for the Highland Theatre space (which includes three towers). The committee has been narrowed down for the contact list. This is for efficiency, and includes the contacts as Dan Humphreys, Julie Dexter and himself. This represents the school's facilities chair, administrative rep and GC rep, as the contact people.

He also provided a map where our students live. 16% outside of Albuquerque, 16% out of APS district entirely.

Distribution map looks like a useful tool when we talk to Deanna Archuleta.

Question from Gloria regarding timeline for new facilities and timeline with Design Plus. Roger responded by saying the approval would probably come by the end of the school year and 2011 is the earliest for a new facility possible date now, due to the line item in GO bond.

Ed closed this discussion with statement of disagreement regarding the committee down-sizing. Roger said it is only for the contact list.

Item 7 Principal Evaluation Document- Action Item. Gloria thinks it is a good document, only that we could add to it. Roger asks for comment from Tamara. Tamara says that it is a solid basic document that we must use unless we ask for a waiver.

Discussion is about the wording, supervisor should say GC. It was asked if all is changed is wording, do we need a waiver. Tamara suggests apply for a waiver anyway, if the GC wants to add/delete words. Roger asks if we should work on this as a committee.

Motion to accept form (basically) but ask for the state waiver to make some changes. Randy 1st, 2nd – Doug.

All in favor? Gloria 1st, 2nd Doug.

Discussion for working on evaluation ensues. Tamara is appointed, Gloria and Randy volunteer, Tom is added. First meeting set up, 11/24, 5:00 PM.

Item 8 Vice President . The GC needs vice president, Secretary. Minutes should be taken by a staff member. Tamara has asked classified staff, no one able at this point. GC positions were left open last year, it was not good. No resolution to this item.

Item 9 Principal's report. Items read directly from packet addition.

Facilities/current: Gloria: How can we provide support after school? We have arrangement with YMCA, and have music and dance programs, as well as some tutoring after school. YMCA is \$5.00 daily. Could you work with Parks and Rec? Su mentions that a grant has been written, but will be for next year.

Ed- there's a number of students who don't really want to come to any structured program, and they're the ones that we have a problem with. He is here often, after school, and the kids just want to hang out and socialize. Julie- some students tell their parents to come late, and so parents are leaving them here until 4-5 PM. Tamara- we walk around and tell them to call their parents for pick-up (they usually all have cell phones on them), and warn them that if they wander onto the Pinetree complex, security may call APD. Amy- let the police pick them up and then maybe parents would come on time. Amy has found that carpooling was her best bet, as her daughter didn't like the Y.

Amy- perhaps parents would pay a fee for after school supervision. Tamara thought perhaps the PTSO could send out a survey to see if parents would contribute money for this, as the current budget can't afford salary for this service.

Gloria asked how girls were picked for the girls group. Tamara said that issues carrying over from last year, involving bullying and other social issues, identified students and the process was through contact/permission from parents. Gloria expressed that it was too bad there wasn't a group for boys.

Gloria asked if Tamara was concerned about math staff turnover. She said she was very concerned, but felt positive about the new hire (experienced, highly qualified math teacher), and couldn't comment much about personnel issues and to why staff turn-over was high. "Is there a problem in the math dept?" It was explained that it's a solid department with really good teachers and that perhaps the new hires were not good fits or ready for the charter school demands, i.e. several preps, the need to be flexible with regards to scheduling, etc.

Tamara referred GC to her report highlighting different performances/activities that occurred in the last month. For the sake of time, she did not read verbatim. Randy noted that she had missed a flamenco performance that was incredible, and his daughter had performed in.

It was noted that the PTSO would like the Town Halls right after school and preferably before the GC mtgs. Tamara also said that if there were any questions regarding the bylaws, that someone would come to the next GC mtg. to answer them.

Item 10 Finance report Doug discussed the bars to increase the activity accounts (fees). Amy votes to approve bar Doc ID 001-047-0809-0017-1, 2nd-Su.

Operational balance is \$126,806.64. Rhonda explained that about \$36,000 will be added back for the Canteen (lunch) program.

Doug and Rhonda discussed the budget report, and talked about next year's budget. APS is proposing an increase of 2% to 4% fee from the charter schools. Tamara mentioned that everyone, at all levels, is advising us to decrease our budgets as it is going to be a very tight year (2009/10).

Who is on the Finance Committee now? This will be TH, Rhonda, Doug, Jackie, and Randy. The next mtg. is 5Pm on the Tuesday after the EC mtg. and typically lasts about one hour. The next mtg. should be on 12/9.

Rhonda addressed the GC regarding purchasing procedure. If it is not a prior approved item/bill, the GC would have to pay for that bill. The GC has to contact Jackie, and follow procurement rules. There has to be a PR to request from the budget, and then a PO issued and Tamara has to sign off on the item/order or service/contract. It was asked if the GC has specific funds it can spend on an account, and Rhonda said no.

Item 11 Community member. The GC needs another community member; we already have enough parents and faculty. Could the Coalition help? Ed said he would like to suggest Tony Monfilletto.

Item 4 Closed session. There is a roll call to go to closed session, and all voted to go to closed session. Mary Torres is invited to table, and staff member s leave.

Item 12 Adjourn meeting. GC comes out of closed session. (No motions, no announcements, no notes taken during closed session) Doug moves to adjourn.

