

Board Mtg. August 10, 2018

Board Members Present: Dr. Christina Duran, Stephen Rinka, Stuart Cano (Board Chair), Mario Castaneda and David Sams. Richard Thomas (Executive Director).

Others Present: Sandy Mejia (Assistant Principal)

June minutes and agenda are reviewed.

General comments

Duran: we can say that we are recruiting heavily. Wants a summary of what was said not, verbatim. (specific to the board meeting minutes)

Motion for approval. Second.

4-0 on the acceptance of the board minutes.

Agenda:

Executive Report: Briefly shared the exec report. We currently have our governing board members and school leadership teams. He goes over the members of the staff. Shifts in team assignments.

Explains teacher assignments have changed.

Currently seeking a PE and intervention teachers. We will fill the PE teacher with a sub for 1-8th grade. Currently going through interviews. Close on intervention hiring... working on PE since that is a bit more difficult to fill.

De Leon is one of our TA and also the YPI coordinator (explains who will be covering)

T-Currently enrolled 320- we were at 330 in summer. We have had some movement. Tuesday we will also be out recruiting.

When you look at our scores, we have a ranking of 8. We are one of the 30 percent of schools with that ranking

I shared this at our last minutes. We experience significant gains. We had huge gains in all the grades.

Excellent teaching and learning occurring. We had a decrease in suspension rate. Our climate is positive. We are doing an amazing job.

1st action item- insurance package from charter safe. We have to have these items in place.

Thomas goes over the different coverages.

Issues- our current carrier they notified that they were declining to renew because of two sped issues a few years ago. Lost claims because of a knee injury few years back.

Insurance companies are not aware of how our schools work. We were able to fill out all of the necessary paperwork.

We had to complete an agreement- we will join joint powers... charter safe- many charters are a part of this... a collection of charters together. Competitive pricing.

Charter safe is 50-60k. we are saving if we move to this new company.

They provide a lot of member services. They do an incredible job ... board resolution that states... that we are agreeing to go into business with joining and give consent to self insure ... this is attached to the workers comp. We will self insure through the department of ...

We have a board resolution, we have the application for certificate to self consent, We have 37 employees...

We have 20 certificated employees. Outlines all of the information ... policy would be in effect on August 13th. The same day our current policy would expire. There is also a resolutions to go along with it. We resolve...

R.Thomas- this is a good shift for our school. We will be a part of a collection of charters that will be sharing ideas.

Before the board is the proposal. 56k for the proposal for the cost of the insurance. We are choosing the installment plan. With a deposit of 14k .

Are there any questions.

Duran- they are right on target. They provide a lot of support.

RT- The cost savings is significant as well.

Cano- how did you find out about them.

RT- one of the benefits of going to the charter conference--We started the conversation on what they can provide. I knew that we were expiring... once we knew that we would not be renewed... it was a pushing of the needle.

This is definitely going to be a positive partnership.

Were we given coverage limits or gaps from shifting to charter safe.

RThomas- All limits and coverages are being met. We are also not going below what LAUSD requires.

I am putting in front of the board to vote and for us to execute the contract.

Sams- motion.

4-0 vote for the board resolution to enter to agreement.

You also give me the authority to sign the contract.

Sams and **second- 4-0**

Sams- you will be the attester.

RT- we also have the addendum for...

Duran- but it is not due until....

RT- how about we approve it and them....

Background: the LEA addendum > we did our LCAP and then there is an addendum. We have to ... if you are title 1- you must outline how you will be spending that. You must write a specific plan on what that money will be used...

Part A

B- prevention and intervention for those who are neglected and delinquent/ at risk

Title 2- supporting effective instruction

Castaneda arrives at 3:40pm.

LEA addendum. It discusses the programs that will be put in place to support those students.

This will be our 3 year implementing our EL program that is linked to Wonders. It is part of our BLAST rotations. It is outlined in our charter. We have had a lot of success as evidence Saturday academies. We provide extensive support. All that is laid out. I am asking to accept the LEA addendum to file with the federal agency to accompany our LCAP.

I put it to the board to accept. We are attaching and connecting to the LCAP.

We have adopted LAUSD EL master plan. Does someone sign off. The principal and teacher signs off. The parent receives a letter and the parent also approves. 3 fold team ... school makes the recommendation, teacher, and then the parent signs off on the letter.

Castaneda- two year rfep plan to monitor. I don't have further questions and support the motion.

Duran- second.

5-0- LEA addendum

Duran- its not due yet. There is no where to send it.

3rd item- update on the executed lease for Lankershim since we have been working on since last September.

Parking is returning at 1k.

Robocop 1k per month

Restrictions on Saturdays and Sundays

Installation of ring bell

Increase of 20k in property tax.

Parking was re-instituted

14 plus 7.

Happy teachers and everyone can park in the interior.

995 for Robocop- half of the cost.

Restrictions of use on the weekend- twice a month on Saturday and never on Sunday

We agreed to the modified terms.

Ring bell was installed. They will push a bell to let our parents in.

We have to go out and open with clicker, but it solves the problem.

The property tax was increased. They are paying 50% of those taxes.

It's the 8th page in... we have a part of the taxes, and different parcels.

We have a wet signature. I am happy we don't have to move and or go to litigation

We are still attempting to buy property. We have 12 classrooms at Fair.

I will shift to Mr. Styles. He will do the financials for end of year.

Castaneda- are they happy. Are the white flags out?

RT- we are hoping that we are in a good place. I am hopeful that we are able to get things done. We will do our best to stay off the radar.

We will address any issues. They have the right to inspect our property. They want to make sure that certain things are happening.

There ... not the best situation and our families love the place.

One of the main restrictions- how far our kids could run in PE and the days.

They can't run on certain days and specific times.

This is a public school... we had to go back and forth on that and the area where they begin to get close to their areas. We will need to tighten up our programs. 5-7 PFT test. It wont be an issue.

It is not mandatory... so it is not as critical.

They should be better They got a lot of money. They also got a lot for back pay for many services that we have not used.

We took a hit, but we have taken care of much of in hope of having a smooth year.

Spenser: we did save on insurance costs.

June Highlights.

-the year end financials. This will be reported and sent out to LAUSD as the actuals. We need to show approval of the June financials.

Prop 39 – financial ... we are now looking to a deficit 50k. 17/18- it does a make difference.

Impact- decreases in ADA. There were some positive expenditures.

Year end revenue.

One of the biggest reasons for deficit- all that clean energy came in and we did not have the offset of the expenses.

18/19 projection. You may see it coming out.

Castaneda- would you basically project that we will be ok, but deficit will be smaller.

Essentially we have categorized all expenditures.

There is a decrease in cash balance but nothing to trigger operational issues.

Major: average ADA, prop 39 money- clean energy grant, --- the clean energy funds... the afterschool grant- that also increased revenue.

The money came in and it came right out. But at revenue fluctuation it does look much better.

Castaneda- the reduction is was for last fiscal year. So we lost kids

RT- we projected 320 and then families moved away and some dropping.

We ran with 300 instead of 320.

This year we over enrolled where we could... anticipating some drop offs.

Today we are 320- 18 have dropped off. We could have a few more coming in and a few more dropping off.

Our financials for the new budget will be at 320. We will be hitting recruitment.

We may have 5-10 kids. If we get lucky... we may hit 330. Conservatively we will be at 318/320. It is a moving target.

Our two fifth grade classes are small. Our first grade classes are also small.

There is room for 7 kids in each. But this year Kinder is a large class.

There are pockets of need, but in grade 6 we are at 30. At the end we are looking good.

We are still new to the community. There are a lot of schools around us. We are fortunate that there are not any charter schools.

It is not saturated. There is some competition.

When parent see that we are out performing other schools. It says a lot. Nobody has 12 TAs in their classes. I am hopeful that we will end up with more kids. We are at 320 and we should have a surplus of 100k.

We are at 20 plus percent on overflow.

The other thing is... increase in special ed services. We have zero options. We have to serve the students.

Now that we are past the lease- we will reproach them about the money sitting there. Or we will have to give it back to the state.

There has to be approved plan. It can only be used for energy efficiency.

Sped- Castaneda- had different amounts. I am just curious. ... is based on estimated needs.

Spenser: We did not want to over shoot, but we did not want to under budget. We are also including the projections of inflation.

All of these numbers are being submitted as unaudited figures to LAUSD.

Current year- we have an updated version. We also have a comparison.

We use this as a benchmark. We gauge the size and amount. From a summary point- bad- state cut the one time funds to 168 per student. (from330)

One time mandated- unrestricted funds.

The state increased general funds- you offset – we are gaining. From this point forward- it will be down to the kids who are showing up.

As we go through the reports... these are always moving around. We have to take into account all that is going on.

NORM day- Castaneda- attendance counting- there is a CAL pads reporting. It is for reporting of demographics.

Funding first 8months of operations.

Expense: removal of the director operations. Our of the forecast. There is an increase in facility cost. We discussed a reduction of workers' comp insurance.

Administration running without a director of operations- I have been working with Spenser's guy at work with Cal pads and data things. He also has been assisting on a few items...

We will do our best to get through the beginning / reclassification comes up to get into the census.

We are managing. I am picking up a lot of duties. I am looking to partially fill, but right now we are pushing out to Chris and with Vireak.

We are doing our best. There is a cost.

Castaneda- for the future. Possibly a part time positions. We definitely need to invest in that role. We are looking for the right person.

Will you search for part time or full time?

RT – there is plenty to do. Usually that is about 60-70 with benefits.

We will get creative. For now, we are staying ahead of the deadlines.

Castaneda- I want to compliment you... we will also support whatever you need to spend for the position.

RT- it is something that we will look to fill as we continue to grow. We are a very lean staff. We taken on a lot of the special ed. roles and try to get things done.

I will also see where Ms. Castro may be able help with a few other things.

He is taking on important roles and he should be credentialed. He is taking important roles.

RT- he is not the teacher of record. In his capacity he should look into being credentialed ...

Styles- keep an eye on a long term projection and you start to grow and expand.

Motion for board to approve the June financials.

5-0 financials.

That concludes our meeting at this point. We have covered all the items on the agenda. I appreciate for everyone coming out on this emergency meeting. It will be at the regular time. It will be on a Tuesday. We will also do voting for board members to continue in a consecutive capacity.

Mark your calendars for Back to School Night.

Meeting is adjourned at 4:35pm

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