

New Horizons Board Meeting

October 23, 2018

Present – Stuart Cano (Chair), Dr. Duran, Dr. Castaneda, Stefan Rinka, Richard Thomas (ED)

Others Present: Sandy Mejia, Guillermo Gomez, Bea Italia, Doreen Cohen, Mrs. Guevarra, Geetha Huma, Mrs. Hernandez

Meeting Commenced at: 04:10 PM

Public Comment – None.

Approval of the Previous Board Meeting Minutes (September)

Dr. Duran – *“In the future, when we are being quoted directly, our comments should be placed in quotes to distinguish whether we are being quoted directly or whether there is a narrative to our comments.”*

Richard Thomas – *“ We will make that change.”*

- Motion made to approve – Dr, Castaneda
- Second – Stuart Cano
- Motion Carries (4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes)

Monthly Financial Report

Charter Impact (Geetha Huma) – The monthly financials for September reflect an increase in your daily ADA, which is now at 95.5%. Your currently show revenue forecasted at \$3,8 million for the year 2018-19. You have a surplus forecasted at \$11,000. Your annual expenses forecasted at \$3.8 million, \$248,000 less than budget, as a result of salary reduction that is offset by an increase in your facilities cost. Your ending cash balance for September is strong, at \$238,000.

Approval of the September Financials

- Motion made to approve – Dr. Duran
- Second – Dr. Castaneda
- Motion Carries (4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes)

Executive Report

Option 3 Grant – *“We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a special education grant in the amount of \$5,000. We plan on spending this money on technologies or services that will benefit our special education students. This pot of money is to be spread out across students of many needs, from the highest risks to the full range of students we support. We received this grant last year as well, so we plant to utilize these funds under our current SELPA within Los Angeles Unified.”*

Prop 39 – We are currently extending our lease agreement with LAUSD to return to Fair Avenue, sharing facilities as we have in previous years. We will be asking for the same (12) classrooms.

1. Stem Lab – We will have Paxton Patterson hosting an *Open House*, displaying our Stem Lab capabilities for grades 6 – 8. We will have (17) modules on display.

“Future Sites – We have a site within a few miles that seems very promising. The property we are looking at is \$1.50 per square foot, which is very reasonable for this area, we also have a lender willing to support us within as much as 10-15 million dollars toward a property.”

Safe Haven School Policy (Mr. Thomas) – “We, as an educational organization are declaring our school a sanctuary or Safe Haven for students and their families. This means we will not allow Federal immigration agents on campus, without a warrant or court order. We also will not collect immigration information from students who have enrolled in our school.”

Dr. Duran – “Question, on this resolution, where it states *the Board*, can we add the New Horizons Board of Directors?” “I would like this document to be more formal.”

Richard Thomas – “If you look a little farther down in the document, it does say that.”

Dr. Castaneda – “Do we really want to include Prop 58?” “We do not offer a range of language models here. This document states that schools must offer a variety of language modes.”

Dr. Duran – “We are doing that anyway.” I would still like to reiterate, where it says *the Board*, that we add *the Board of Directors*.”

- Motion made to approve – Dr. Castaneda
- Second – Dr. Duran
- Motion Carries (4 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes)

Voting in Existing Board Members – This motion would extend both Dr. Duran and Mr. Sams extended as Board Director for an additional (2-year term). The vote is currently for Mr. Sams to be extended as our Board Secretary

Mr. Sams Board Extension

- Motion made to approve – Dr. Castaneda
- Second – Dr. Duran
- Motion Carries (3 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes)

Dr. Christina Duran Board Extension

- Motion made to approve – Dr. Castaneda
- Second – Stuart Cano
- Motion Carries (3 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes)

LAUSD Strike Situation (Mr. Thomas) – “We have been informed through several sources, that it is very possible that LAUSD teachers may strike by the first of next year. Given this situation, it may be possible that some families elect not to return their children to the District.” “We may in line to absorb some of those students.”

Dr. Castaneda – “I would like to go on record, that we seek legal advice, before we expand our student enrollment while LAUSD is on strike. In some circles, this would be seen as *strike breaking*. We need much more information from counsel before we students to our rosters. We may also wish to take the pulse of your own staff, to see how they feel about this.”

Richard Thomas – “I will certainly look into this and make sure the legal parameters we are working from if we choose to add students.”

Closed Session Vote

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM