

## **New Horizons Board Meet**

*February 25, 2020*

*Present – Richard Thomas, Guillermo Gomez, Geetha Huma, David Sams, Stuart Cano, Charlotte Cuevas, Bea Italia, David Sams, Stephen Rinka, Marianna Link, Karen Guevarra, Jannet Curiel*

*Meeting Commenced at: 4:04 PM*

**Public Comment:** I just wanted to share some sunshine today. I have been having some fruitful talks with Mr. Thomas, about working with the teachers to improve our communications with parents. To support our efforts, Mr. Thomas has been amiable to moving the *Parent in Action* meetings to the afternoons, so teachers can participate. This was well received by teachers and we look forward to working with him on some new goals to support our students and families.

Mr. Thomas – I too look forward to having teachers work with us and in our *Parent in Action* committee today, we shared the many opportunities we will have to hear new ideas and fundraising ventures to support the school.

- We will also be having *Coffee with the Principal*, where we will have additional chances to hear from parents who may not be able to attend our other meetings.
- We also talked about our many fieldtrips, which our funded by our fundraisers.
- English Learner Advisory Committee Meeting- We share that we had administered the English Learner Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC) and that our yearling testing demonstrated that our programs are highly successful, we currently have a reclassification rate of 27%, nearly double the reclassification rate of the District, which stands at 15%. These scores would be even higher if it were not for the long-terms English Learners (students with five years or more in the system) nearly all of which we have received from LAUSD. These were not our students, but we are working very hard to catch them up now that they are in our system.

### **Items for Action**

#### ***Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (January Board Meeting)***

- Motion made to approve – Stuart Cano
- Second – Stephen Rinka
- Motion Carries (3 votes)

### **Financial Report**

#### **January 2020 Financials/Highlights (Geetha Huma)**

- PI Average Daily Attendance is currently at 273.85 (forecasted 94%), with a forecast at 289
- Revenue is forecasted at \$3.9M, including Innovation Grant (\$5K), adjustments (\$5k) and fundraising funds related to the *Silent Auction* (\$6K)

- Expenses are forecasted at \$3.7MM, this increased in special education and due to substitute teacher expenses
- NHCA surplus forecasted at \$196K, and an ending fund balance forecasted at \$688K
- No cashflow concerns, ending cash projected at \$368K after repayment of Prop 39 unused funds from the prior year

Mr. Thomas – I would like to add that \$10K went toward the purchase of a motorized wheelchair for a student who now needs such a device. Previously we had paid for his transportation, but it took some time for his device to arrive and this was an unforeseen expense for this year.

***Approval of Financials for January***

- Motion made to approve – David Sams
- Second – Stephen Rinka
- Motion Carries (3 votes)

***Approval of Second Interim Financials January***

- Motion made to approve – Stuart Cano
- Second – Stephen Rinka
- Motion Carries (3 votes)

**Consolidated Application** (Geetha Huma) - This is a (3) year reporting period where we reviewed funds from each individual year and found ways to recategorize their funding. You have both Title 1 and Title 2 funds, as well as \$10,000 in technology funds that can be spent for instructional purposes.

***Approval of the Consolidated Application***

- Motion made to approve – Stuart Cano
- Second – Stephen Rinka
- Motion Carries (3 votes)

**Executive Report**

**Prop 39 Report** – At the moment we are collectively working with several charter organizations to share our position through the social media. As I explained before, we have only placed 100 of students at Fair Avenue as a co-location site and the District is trying to charge us for the additional 200 students housed presently at New Horizons. We clearly shared how many students would be housed at our split site, but they are not listening, despite several years of documentation that demonstrates our classroom request. LAUSD is trying to assess penalties on us for students that were not on their campus. We have shared that these egregious penalties will not be accepted without a fight. We will present to the Board again soon and I would love to take a few parents with me, when we make our case. We also need to inform the press about our situation to voice this situation in a public forum. I would like to add, that we have an offer on the table for next year and that rights to the same LAUSD school site will not be impacted, nor will any of our future charter renewals. We are continually looking for additional facilities and we

are working with an organization, Red Hook Realty to find the correct financing to bring all our students together at one school site.

I would also like to share that I met with Mrs. Curiel and Mrs. Link two of our amazing parents to continue to communicate and to create collaborative on future creative projects that will serve our school.

***Future School Events***

- *March 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee with the Principal*
- *Next Board Meeting – March. 24<sup>th</sup>*

**Closed Session Vote** - Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM