

New Horizons Board Meeting

April 14, 2020

Present – Richard Thomas, Stuart Cano, David Sams, Stephen Rinka, Guillermo Gomez, Sandy Mejia, Bea Italia, Katie Liechti, Jannet Curiel, Yvette Steinorth, Cindy Tanaka, Mallory Schneider, Jesica Kahng, Katie Liechti, Karen Reyes, William Coman, Geetha Huma (62) Participants – Zoom Conference

Meeting Commenced at: 10:07 AM

Public Comment: None.

Action Items

Approval of Board Minutes February

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

Approval of School Closure for 2020

Mr. Thomas – We had previously discussed at the previous Board Meeting that our closing might be extended beyond until May 4th. Upon the recommendation of our State Governor and the State Superintendent. They have both mandated that all public and private schools would be closed for the remainder of the school year. In addition, the LAUSD Superintendent discussed and affirmed that classes would be extended to digital learning for the remainder of the school year. As they are our authorizer, we are following their lead and that is our recommendation to the Board. Many districts throughout the state have already accepted this recommendation, which is what we present to you today.

- Stephen Rinka – “I concur that we should follow the lead of LAUSD to continue with distant learning at this time.
- David Sams – “Have we heard of any other schools going against this order?”
- Richard Thomas – “I have not heard of any Districts/Schools going against the recommendation of the State Superintendent and the Governor. For the safety of our students, it is best to maintain the state order of staying at home, which is also the recommendation of Mayor Garcetti. Our teachers have been amazing in their commitment to provide our students with Distant Learning.
- Stuart Cano – “Will we still be continuing our Distant Learning Program?”
- Richard Thomas – “Absolutely, we have that capability and our magnificent teachers will continue giving lessons for the rest of the school year.

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Financial Report

February 2020 Financial Highlights (Geetha Huma Charter Impact)

Under Executive Order N=26-20 & SB 117, school funding will continue with the following commitments, New Horizons is to continue their distant learning, and provide non congregational meal service distribution. If NHCA maintains those commitments, your attendance from school closures will not affect your future revenue stream.

Expenses

- February was over cost by \$20,000, but there will be savings from field-trip cancellations, a decrease in substitute pay, but those decreases will not be seen in March. We do not anticipate any concerns for cash flows, we do suggest you apply for all stimulus packages. FEMA is offering grants as well.
- Total expenses forecasted at \$3.7MM over budget by \$21K mainly due to substitute teacher expenses \$78K and increase in operations and housekeeping \$7K
 - Savings - \$41K payroll savings & Field-trips \$23K

Revenue

- Revenue is forecasted at \$3.9MM and forecasted at \$3.7MM, no forecasted change from last month.
- Surplus forecasted at \$207K, ending balance at \$699K
- P1 ADA is at 273, inline with a forecast of 274
- California's legislature passed SB117, which includes a shift in P-2 attendance reporting cut-off date for school closed due to COVID-19 from April to the end of February

Fund Balance

- Surplus forecasted \$207K for FY19-20
- Ending fund balance forecasted at 4699K (18.9% of expenses)

Cash Balance

- Cash balance is at \$535K at the end of February 2020Cash balance forecasted at \$266K at the end of the fiscal year after repayment of Prop 39 unused funds related to the prior year
- We have been distributing meals to families, for kids 18 and younger. Th charter community has agreed to distribute food to our families, across Los Angeles, because there are (100) charters to support families in this time of need. We are also working with Fresh Start to provide and distribute food for our families. We will continue to distribute food until Thursday and continue until May 1st.

Executive Report

Mr. Thomas – We will be having a meeting with our teachers regarding the Distance Learning schedules we will be maintaining for the rest of the year, discussing grading and delivery stance for all students. Rest assured parents, there will be no failing grades given to the students for the end of this year. We will be discussing these topics on April 20th, when teachers return. We appreciate all our teachers and

parents who connected for this meeting, I will be checking and responding to your comments and will share your concerns at the next board meeting.

Parent Reminders

- Food Distribution – We will resume on Monday, both breakfast and lunch provided by Mr. Gomez and Mr. Rasheed until the end of the school year.
- Deep Cleaning – Our deep cleaning crew will continue room by room in preparation for our schools reopening next year.
- Office Hours – Our school is open, please feel free to call 9 – 2.
- Internet - We hope parents have been able to connect into the internet with Spectrum, if you haven't, we encourage you to do so.
- Parent Communications - All parents should be on *Class Dojo* or our *School App* for our most current school messages.
- Instruction Continues - School is not over, we are in Distant Learning mode, we encourage students to read 1.5 hours a day, as well as 1 hour of math per day. Teachers teaching new content and a review of previous standards taught – this is new learning, through direct instruction, not just a review handout packets. Our last month of the year will be a review of standards that students have struggled with, along with preparation for the next year.
- 8th Grade Graduation – Stay tuned, we will share graduation certificates and have a virtual graduation for our Ms. Garcia's class via Zoom.
- Exercise – As much as possible please exercise, ride a bike with your kids.
- State Testing suspended – All CAASPP and ELPAC testing is over for this year.
- Technical / Digital Issues – Please free to call Mr. Lanehart and Mr. Rasheed during office hours.
- Laptops / Devices – These are still available for student checkout. Through future applications for FEMA loans, we will try and secure 25-35 new laptops.
- Yearbook – Our yearbook is in process; we are taking on-line orders.
- Carnival Update – This may be held in September or better yet, in the Fall, after Labor Day.
- Student Supplies – Starting next week, student workbooks and work will be available for pick up.
- Student Counseling – Please remember that our Counselor Ms. Scottie is available for distance counseling, we will be continuing to service our students.

A Final Reminder / Three Things

1. DTYF - don't touch your face.
2. Wash your hands constantly.
3. Wear a mask, as the Mayor has mandated.

We miss the kids, we miss them all, I see many of them waiving though the computer screen ,very cute.

Future School Events

- Look for a Parent In Action meeting / Coffee with the Principal via zoom soon.

Meeting conclude at 11:06