

New Horizons Charter Academy

Board Meeting

September 1, 2022

Board Present – David Sams (Chairman), Richard Thomas (ED), Ilana Youngheim

Not Present – Dr. Castaneda, Arsen Alekryan, Dr. Christina Duran

Public - Guillermo Gomez, Yvette Steinorth, Cindy Tanaka, Geetha Huma C.P.A., Xiomara Medrano, Brittany Cooper, Jannet Curiel

Meeting Commenced at: 5:45 PM

Public Comments: None

Executive Director's Report

School Opening – We are happy to report that our school opening went rather smooth, with fewer than 1% of kids testing positive for Covid, during our initial return. This is a significant drop, when compared to last year and we are delighted with the response of families to return to full enrollment.

School Relocation – We have been actively looking for another property, one that can hold both the staff from Lankershim and Fair Avenue, and all students Tk-8. As you know, our lease for Lankershim will be ending next year and we are not going to be allowed to renew it, despite many efforts to do so. NHCA is attempting to find a property within (5) miles of our current location but is willing to go as far as Van Nuys in making future offers.

NHCA has been offered, up to (15) classrooms by LAUSD at Fair Avenue, and will consider that offer, as it allows many parents to drop-off and pick-up their students at from both schools at one location. There is also a STEM lab there, a larger blacktop for physical education and a school library that is at our disposal.

If NHCA finds a different school location during the year, we can leave Fair Avenue, whenever we wish and move to a new location.

Mr. Sams – I would like to revisit moving kids in the middle of the year, this might cause a disruption for many families. Can we meet with staff to talk about this?

Richard Thomas – We could conduct a survey and see what our staff thinks about moving during the year, of course. I see that in the *Chat Box*, we have a question from one of our teachers, Mrs. Tanaka. She wants to know, “Can LAUSD keep us from moving to Fair?” The answer to that is no, Prop 39 states that if a school has space, they are required to allow another school to utilize their campus, providing they follow the proper protocols for usage.

Our timeline for informing our staff and public for future relocation to Fair Avenue, will occur by December of 2022, with a formal offer made to the District by February 1st of 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Next Board Meeting – September, date and time TBD

LEGEND

<i>Academic Terms</i>	<i>Financial Terms</i>
<i>SARC – School Accountability Report Card</i>	<i>MM – million dollars</i>
<i>ADA – Average Daily Attendance</i>	<i>K – thousand dollars</i>
<i>LAUSD – Los Angeles Unified School District</i>	
<i>CAASSP – California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress</i>	
<i>Prop 39 – a school facilities-based initiative</i>	
<i>Prop 39 – a reallocation of funding for previous years rent to LAUSD</i>	