

Riverside Drive Charter School

Governance Council Meeting

August 26, 2015

Welcome

Governance Council

Kesia Doucette, Principal; Sybil Goodkin, Chair/Parent; Suzanne Eisenberg, Vice-Chair/Teacher; Catherine Wygal, Secretary/Parent; Ilra Wi, Parliamentarian/Teacher Hope Cameron, Parent/PFRD Rep; Jenni Sawin-Gerdes, Teacher; Sandra Rodriquez, ELAC/Parent; Angie Ware, Classified Staff;

Attendees and Presenters

Damon Johnson, Alternate/Parent; Wendy Thompson, Alternate/Parent; Jamie Adlof, Parent; Susan Bake, Parent; Brianna Lyall, Staff;

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Sybil called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

The council reviewed the minutes from the May meeting and approved.

Budget Update

Kesia Doucette

Awaiting contact with Fiscal Specialist, Jose Herrera to review budget.

80% of funds for 2015/2016 are allocated.

New Hires Update

Kesia Doucette

Hired 5 new teachers: TK, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades respectively.

Request that attendees spread the word that new school year changes in teachers take time to settle in.

Requests for class room changes will not be considered.

Priority List from LAUSD resulted in change of hire positions (example: Campus Aid position Changed to Teacher's Assistant).

Need 3 - 4 new aids but budget must be reviewed.

Some positions not filled because applicant exams were not passed.

New Business

Charter Renewal Committee

First meeting held August 20th lead by Christine Higgins.

Charter petition brainstorming session held with teachers.

Parent brainstorming session to be held September 17th prior to PFRD Meeting.

Curriculum Committee is currently separate from Math and Literacy Committees. Kesia would like an umbrella committee with Math and Literacy Committees included within the scope of the Curriculum Committee.

Committee reports

Art

Hope Cameron
Need to recruit members for Art Committee
Goal is to tie Art / Science together

By-Law Committee

Christine Higgins
See above new business
Move to consolidate into "Strategic Planning Committee"

Campus Beautification

Sybil Goodkin
Campus Beautification scheduled for September 26, 2015 9am – 3pm
Volunteers from CPK and OSH to assist.

Curriculum

Kesia Doucette
Kesia would like an umbrella Curriculum Committee with sub groups of Math, Literacy and Writing.
Jenni noted that organizing Math and Literacy nights take a lot of work and that having members help with both Math and Literacy nights would be more effective.

Community Outreach

Hope Cameron
Care Kits are a big success.
Looking for more ways to connect with the community, senior citizens, etc.

Budget

Kesia Doucette
Reported above
Move to consolidate into "Strategic Planning Committee"

Grant writing

No Report

Safety

Suzanne Eisenberg
No Report

Technology

No Report

Science

No Report

PFRD

Hope Cameron
Fall Festival Schedule for October 17th
Damon Johnson is now on PFRD Board too

Attendance committee

Hope Cameron / Lori Schlaifer
No Report

Public Comment

None

Adjourned 3:45pm

Action Log Summary

New actions this meeting:

Carryover actions from prior meetings:

- **Kesia** will email charter review self evaluation to the council
- **Art and Curriculum Committees** need to meet to discuss the larger arts in the classroom options with regard to electives.
- **By Laws Committee** - Change By Laws wording for the hiring committee to upper grade rep or lower grade rep rather than specific grade level reps.
- **Curriculum Committee, Governance Community Involvement Committee, Grant Writing Committee and Awards Committee and Kesia:** need to collaborate on student character building program possibilities.
- **Kesia:** Find out from LAUSD what happens if our school hits capacity in the near future.

Completed since last meeting:

No Report

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