

Riverside Drive Charter School

Governance Council Meeting

November 12, 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 Gerdes, Teacher/Parent; Sandra Rodriquez, ELAC/Parent; Angie Ware, Classified Staff; Elizabeth Kate Zubkoff/Parent

Attendees and Presenters

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 Gerdes, Teacher/Parent; Sandra Rodriquez, ELAC/Parent; Angie Ware, Classified Staff; Elizabeth Kate Zubkoff/Parent
Christine Higgins, Charter Renewal Chair/ Wendy Thompson, Alternate/Parent; Jamie Adlof/Parent; Maria Brunell/Teacher

Reading and Approval of Minutes

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

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

Charter Renewal Update

Christine Higgins

The Council read over the renewal Vision Statement. Hope Cameron noted that she would like the goal of positive citizenship added to the vision. Christine Higgins noted that the Charter Renewal was moving along well and that the team wanted to have a draft done before Thanksgiving, but it was looking more like it would be done the week after Thanksgiving. The document is long and there is much content to read and absorb. Once the draft is complete, the draft must be approved by the Governance Council. Once approved and submitted, it takes month to go through approval process with LAUSD.

Budget Update

Kesia Doucette

Kesia Doucette updated us on the budget availability for the 2015/2016 school year. *See Budget*

Meeting with expert budget analyst to review spending and change of position titles to help get new positions approved.

Notified by H/R for "Normalization Day" slated to have 23 teachers, and we have 24 which is too much but if our budget allows we can pay for a teacher out of the budget. Ms. Doucette does not think that is a wise decision because it ties up too much of our budget. We're going to need to move children around k/1 split class required.

Hope Cameron asked if we could get an extra teacher's aide for the k/1 class.

Jenni Gerdes suggests that there may be 1st grade kids eligible for retention.

Auditorium Seating Proposal – 2 risers broken, but they're repairable for a small cost. There may be a new request for lighting for the auditorium. Lighting strips at Costco \$200.

Safe School Plan: Plan submitted, emergency teams, procedures and safety plans are in place. There was a meeting last week on crisis and threat assessment (how to manage, etc).

Hope Cameron had a question on playground safety requesting that the Houston gate open for exit during winter months.

Single Plan of Student Achievement: EL population, how we're going to address those needs.

New Business

Committee reports

ART

None

ATTENDANCE

None

BUDGET

Kesia Doucette
Reported above

GRANT WRITING

Elizabeth Zubkoff
Writing grants for shade structures, outdoor lighting , PE, afterschool program (Beyond the Bell) . Mention of Donor's Choose website for potential donations.

SAFETY

Hope Cameron
Focus on AM safety at the gates.
Looking through safety gear. Getting quote for re-order on safety back-packs/etc. Dads for Safety on campus in the AM helping with drop offs. Dion Bush is now on safety committee.

BEAUTIFICATION

Sybil Goodkin
Kinder Campus beautification was very successful. An additional beautification day is planned for Spring.
Need additional running lanes for the yard, additional artwork on the blacktop. Suggestion for Student Council involvement on bringing playground game ideas to the Governance Council.

BY-LAW

Christine Higgins
See above new business

OUTREACH

Hope Cameron
Overarching idea... help give good citizenship in the community.

CURRICULUM

Suzanne Eisenberg

Catherine Wygal can join the Curriculum Committee.
Staff meeting survey needs to ask what teacher development they'd like to add. What tech is needed in the class? What PE opportunities are there? What ideas are there to improve student behavior?
Maria Brunell discussed use of teaching maps. Training was done, but the program is too expensive. Many hidden costs exposed after training was completed.

ELAC

Sandra Rodriguez

Small showing at the ELAC Committee meeting, but the group does have new members.

Next step, get in touch with teachers who do ELAC and see what they think would help them “teach”.

PFRD

Hope Cameron

Fall Festival very successful. \$23,000 Net.

SCIENCE

Jamie Adlof

Science fest in the works. 12 vendors – sorting out logistical needs for the event. Inviting middle schools. Need to be sure judges are neutral parties.

TECH

New computers coming. Chromebooks should be in place before year end.

Public Comment

None

Adjourned 4:40pm

Action Log Summary

New actions this meeting:

None

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 Doucette:** need to collaborate on student character building program possibilities.
- **Kesia Doucette:** Find out from LAUSD what happens if our school hits capacity in the near future.

Completed since last meeting:

No Report