

Riverside Drive Charter School Governance Council Meeting

February 10, 2016

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; Damon Johnson, Parent

Attendees and Presenters

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; Angie Ware, Classified Staff; Elizabeth Kate Zubkoff, Parent; Christine Higgins, Charter Renewal Chair; Damon Johnson, Parent; Lori Schlaifer, Parent; Donna Simon Levitt, Parent; Sandra Rodriquez, ELAC/Parent, Caryn Bush, Parent; Chris Caracciolo, Parent; Jamie Adlof, Parent;

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Sybil Goodkin called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

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

Charter Renewal Update

Christine Higgins

Review and comment on charter petition. Catherine Wygal is concerned that the 5 year plan is too ambitious. Kesia Doucette noted that approximately 95% of teachers are on board with new charter. Ilra Wi noted that change to educational standards are coming, so we're being proactive on the project based learning. Kesia Doucette noted implementation of dedicated professional enrichment time for integration. Charter passed unanimously.

Budget Update

Kesia Doucette

Budget Review. (See attached) Budget on track, but monies will be spent next month on textbooks. There is a need to replace consumable workbooks, etc. Estimated book expenditure could be \$20,000.

Budget and Communications Survey

Sybil Goodkin

Review survey with Budget Attachment for parents/teachers/staff completion. We reviewed the questions on the survey. How weighted are the parent opinions? Kesia Doucette noted that parent responses will be considered, but ultimately we'll do what is best for the kids.

Refining survey questions before final submission. Question 8 removed because of ambiguity.

Survey, with proposed changes was approved by the Board.

New Business

Astro Camp Proposal

Donna Simon Levitt and Lorrie Schlafter:

LAUSD has mandated new stricter standards for fund raising for Astro Camp. New regulations are preventing the Astro Camp Team from asking for monies, scholarship funds, etc. The team are asking for \$10,000 to help offset any potential shortfalls due to new fund standards.

Board feels it is premature to ask funds before more responses are received from 5th grade families. The request has been put on hold for further discussion at the March 2016 Governance Meeting.

Garden Proposal

Sybil Goodkin

Meeting was running very long, so proposal not reviewed.

Lego Proposal

Sybil Goodkin

Pilot program for Lego Robotics proposal. Approved Spending by Board.

Walk-a-Thon

Hope Cameron

Walk-a-thon is March 10th

New Web Portal for fundraising. Each child participant will get a pedometer.

Committee reports

ART

None

ATTENDANCE

None

BUDGET

None

GRANT WRITING

None

SAFETY

None

BEAUTIFICATION

Sybil Goodkin

Event February 20th.

BY-LAW

Christine Higgins

See above new business

OUTREACH

Hope Cameron

No Update

CURRICULUM

Suzanne Eisenberg

No Update

ELAC

Sandra Rodriguez

No communication with ELAC/LAUSD. Sandra put together list of questions for ELAC. Very difficult to get answers. District is not paying attention to ELAC. Sandra feels like she is in the dark about much of ELAC. Board supported Sandra's concerns.

PFRD

Hope Cameron

No update

SCIENCE

None

TECH

None

Public Comment

None

Adjourned 5:20pm

Next meeting March 9th

Action Log Summary

New actions this meeting:

Sybil Goodkin is stepping down from the board as she is moving to Washington State. Suzanne Eisenberg is now the Chair, Hope Cameron is the Vice-Chair and Damon Johnson is a board member instead of an alternate.

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