

# Riverside Drive Charter School Governance Council Meeting

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May 11, 2016

## **Welcome**

### **Governance Council**

Kesia Doucette, Principal; Susanne Eisenberg, Chair/Teacher; Hope Cameron, Vice-Chair/Parent/PFRD Rep; Catherine Wygal, Secretary/Parent; Ilra Wi, Parliamentarian/Teacher; Jenni Gerdes, Teacher/Parent; Sandra Rodriguez, ELAC/Parent; Angie Ware, Classified Staff; Elizabeth Kate Zubkoff, Parent; Damon Johnson, Parent

### **Attendees and Presenters**

Kesia Doucette, Principal; Susanne Eisenberg, Chair/Teacher; Hope Cameron, Vice-Chair/Parent/PFRD Rep; Catherine Wygal, Secretary/Parent; Ilra Wi, Parliamentarian/Teacher; Jenni Gerdes, Teacher/Parent; Angie Ware, Classified Staff; Sandra Rodriguez, ELAC, Elizabeth Kate Zubkoff, Parent; Damon Johnson, Parent; Christine Higgins, Charter Renewal Chair; Governance Member Elects: Brooke Cadorette, Patryce Harris, Marshall McAuley, Alma Cordova, Valerie Wiesbrock, Beth Meyers; Presenters: Susan Baker, Elsie Bohorquez, Jamie Adlof, Jennier Roosevelt, Monica Sagaser.

## **Reading and Approval of Minutes**

Suzanne Eisenberg called the meeting to order at 3:09pm.

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

Welcoming of incoming 2016-2017 Board Members and exit of outgoing 2015-2016 Members

## **Governance 101**

Suzanne Eisenberg

Reading of 101 overview (see attached)

## **Brown Act**

Christine Higgins

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Astro Camp**

Hope Cameron: \$2,100 used from the budget

Kesia Doucette: Funding for 2016-2017 next year (spring break next year). If we keep Astro Camp, fundraising will change for next year.

Mr. Wi: Astro Camp is great and meaningful and fundraising needs to happen early.

### **Art STEAM Lab Proposal**

Susan Baker

Moving over to Science Committee

## **School Website**

Hope Cameron  
PFRD / RDCS need to have two separate websites.  
Patryce Harris will help coordinate websites

## **New Business**

### **Elect officers to the board**

Chair – Ilra Wi  
Vice Chair – Catherine Wygal  
Kesia Doucette (Principal)  
Secretary – Brooke Cadorette  
Parliamentarian (Time Keeper) – Marshall McAuley

### **RDCS Waivers**

Kesia Doucette  
Days for teacher development, Tuesday.  
Waivers Approved

### **Science Committee Proposal**

Jamie Adlof  
(See attached proposal)  
Suggestion made to apply for grants (Home Depot)  
Connect Valerie Wiesbrock with the grant writing committee  
Ms Doucette – We do need storage (See what LAUSD might give monies)

Vote: \$3,750

\*\*Vote at beginning of the year for balance of funds  
Items 1 and 2 approved.

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## **Committee reports**

### **ART**

Susan Baker  
Restructure committee – Review the charter, break it up by discipline. Vice Chairs for each committee. Roles: Support teaching staff, never dictate. Support and help teachers. Create themes with project based learning. Important to celebrate the arts that are already on campus. Natural alliances with fundraising.

### **PRFD**

Hope Cameron  
Last meeting 5/18. Kinder Round Up 6/13.

### **BUDGET**

See above

### **SCIENCE**

Jamie Adlof  
Spending Request

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance has not been the best (Kesia) Attendance is being monitored by LAUSD.

## SAFETY

See above from Kesia Doucette.

## BEAUTIFICATION

No update

## Community Service (Official Name TBD)

No Update

## CURRICULUM

No update

## ELAC

Sandra Rodriguez

Final meeting of the year. Need to discuss challenges for next year. 1/6 kids is an English learner.

## GRANT WRITING

none

## Public Comment

None

## Adjourned 5:00pm

Next meeting 2016-2017 School Year

## Action Log Summary

New actions this meeting:

Carryover actions from prior meetings:

- Look into care and feeding of chickens in K-2 garden area.
- **Websites:** Hope Cameron needs to work on separating the PFRD Website from the Riverside website. Sybil Goodkin had already made progress on the website, so Hope will follow up with Sybil to get all current info.
- **Committee Structure:** We need to have greater structure around committees, their accountability, attendance at Governance Council, etc.
- **Art and Curriculum Committees** need to meet to discuss the larger arts in the classroom options with regard to electives.
- **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