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GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 15, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.

GPA Wingspan; Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cecil H. Steppe, MariCruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock, and Vincent Riveroll.

EXCUSED:

Rafael Hernandez, Kimiko Fukuda, Bud Mehan, Michael Rodrigues and Anne Spitzberg (on leave)

GUESTS, VISITORS AND STAFF PRESENT:

John Bartholomew, Jane Firpo, Paz Garcia Ramirez, Lisa Maples, Jenny Parsons, Brenda Capilla, Melissa Bitanga, Myeisha Lobbins, Mark Mejia, Devera Scott, Jasmine Scott, and Shelly Buono.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Mr. Steppe. He welcomed all board members, staff and visitors to the meeting. Board members reviewed the agenda items and minutes from the January 19, 2016 board meeting.

Motion to approve January's Minutes m/s/c Chodzko/Nevels 9 In favor - 0 Abstentions - None opposed

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Steppe asked Ms. Parsons to explain how GPA is doing with Prop S & Prop Z projects. Ms. Parsons explained the process of the design and construction for the new buildings and the fast tracking of air conditioning installation. GPA will be doing the design work for the new gymnasium and the air conditioning installation work on parallel tracks.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director shared photos of the Homecoming Court and acknowledged the king and queen. PTSC hosted the first Founders' Day Carnival on Feb. 27th with old-fashioned family fun games and delicious food. GPA celebrated Founders' Day on February 29th, the Boys' varsity soccer team was league champion, and the senior class celebrated Black History Month by reenacting the 1963 March on Washington.

Director showed video from the senior Honor Roll & Wing Ceremony. Eighty-six percent of the Class of 2016 has been accepted into a 4-year university. Forty-three seniors have been accepted to UCSD on full scholarship. Statistically, UCSD received 78,000 applications; 5,000 freshmen were accepted and 43 are GPA students. These 43 scholarships represent \$1.7 million for GPA students. Historically, 79 GPA students have been selected as Chancellor's Associates Scholars; 6 in 2013, 10 in 2014, 20 in 2015, and 43 in 2016.

Director then showed pictures of the High School Carnival Dance, which included lots of playful youth-oriented activities to keep the atmosphere light and fun. SD Unified Superintendent Cindy Marten visited GPA on 3/14/16 with several of her team members and they were very impressed by the joy and rigor of GPA. The Superintendent expressed strong interest in establishing ways for the District and GPA to collaborate, including sending principals and others members of her instructional team to GPA for professional learning.

Upcoming events at GPA include the junior overnight college road trip; spring intersession and all staff PD in April with Dave Burgess, the author of Teach Like a Pirate.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- A. Mr. Chodzko highlighted P1 ADA of 97%, which is unprecedented for our school. Extra ADA will mean \$400,000 more to GPA's budget. Director used College Class to teach students the economics of attendance and why it is important to come to school.

Motion for acceptance of January's financials m/s/c Chodzko/Evans 9 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- B. 2015-16 Second Interim Report: Mr. Chodzko explained the report matches the January financials exactly, just in a different format that is required by SDUSD.

Motion for approval of the Second Interim Report for 2015-16 as reviewed by the Finance Committee m/s/c Chodzko/Hurlbert 9 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- C. 2015-16 ConApp Pt. 1: Mr. Chodzko explained the report updates the state on how GPA spent federal funding, primarily Title I funds.

Motion for approval of the 2015-16 ConApp Pt. 1 as reviewed by the Finance Committee m/s/c Chodzko/Nevels 9 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- D. Third Party Auditor Selection: Finance Committee looked at three companies to provide third party audit services, and chose to go with Vincent, Lloyd, Stutzman LLP. This firm has a proven track record of reliability and on time reporting for charter schools in San Diego.

Motion for approval of the Third Party Auditor – Vincent, Lloyd, Stutzman LLP as reviewed by the Finance Committee m/s/c Chodzko/Nevels 9 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- E. First Republic Self Directed Account: Mr. Chodzko explained that the Finance Committee approved opening this account, which will allow us to accept stock shares until they are converted to cash for development purposes.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Chodzko explained that the Parker Foundation has given the San Diego Youth Symphony money to work with GPA to provide consultation services for expanding the performing arts offerings at GPA. We will be a pilot program for this collaborative work, which may then expand to other schools. Mr. Chodzko presented to the Rotary Club in La Jolla. Riverstone has committed to donating \$35,000 to GPA; \$20,000 to our performing arts program and \$15,000 for George Unger Memorial Scholarships. The San Diego Foundation visited GPA along with Peter Ellsworth and may be donating to the performing arts program. As of today, GPA has received \$135,737.40 in donations, an additional \$195,000 is committed with the total funds raised \$330,737.40.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Pollock discussed the San Diego Math Network running a parallel track with Superintendent's visit, in regards to working collaboratively between schools in our cluster regarding Math skills. Gates funding will be applied to schools working together to have these conversations. Additionally, conversations are happening with UCSD faculty and staff about the role of math for alumni students.

BOARD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Ms. Nevels explained the process for selecting a new board member and introduced Myeisha Lobbins who was nominated as a parent member. The Board Affairs Committee interviewed Ms. Lobbins on 2/26/16. She has been a very active GPA parent of a current GPA student and an alumnus. The Board Affairs committee recommended she join the board.

Motion to accept Myeisha Lobbins as a GPA board member m/s/c Nevels/Hurlbert 8 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report submitted

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. m/s/c Chodzko/Nevels 9 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed