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GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 28, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.

GPA Wingspan; Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cecil H. Steppe, Maria Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan, Vincent Riveroll, and Anne Spitzberg.

EXCUSED:

Rafael Hernandez, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock, and Michael Rodrigues.

GPA STAFF PRESENT AND SPEAKING GUESTS OR VISITORS:

John Bartholomew, Cassandra Fort, Jane Levenson, Jenny Parsons, Paz Garcia Ramirez, Laura Laird, Lisa Maples, Randee Meek, Anne Robinson, Melissa Bitanga, Sandra Meza, and Shelly Buono.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:08p.m. by Mr. Steppe. He asked for any public comment and there were none. Board members reviewed the agenda items and minutes from the September 19, 2017 board meeting.

Motion to approve September's minutes m/s/c Hurlbert/Chodzko 6 In favor – 2 Abstention – None opposed

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Steppe related to the board all of the systematic planning and work that the GPA staff has been doing in recent months. He is regularly on campus and has marveled at the dedication of the entire campus. He encouraged board members to be on campus to see for themselves the innovative work being accomplished.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director welcomed everyone and called members attention to the Director's Report on Board Docs. He highlighted the November session of Parent Prep Academy where the assistant directors taught our parents about GPA Grading Policy. Parents experienced a hands on workshop and learned how to calculate grades. The parents reviewed their students Quarter 1 Final grades and were informed of the Quarter 2 finals that are in January.

Sixth graders took the ADAM – LGL math skills assessment and over 90% of incoming 6th graders are performing below grade level in mathematics. After working with the Board's Education Committee, 168 students were selected to participate in an afterschool math enrichment program to address this issue early and fill in gaps in our students' math knowledge.

The GPA website as has undergone a revamping. Director encouraged Board members to visit it at their convenience to review campus activities. The week before Thanksgiving break brought a visit from WASC's Dr. Van Leuven. Director invited everyone to attend GPA "December to Remember" on December 8 from 5:00-7:00 pm and GPA Holiday Wishes on December 8 & 15 at 7:00 pm. He also reminded everyone about the upcoming Winter Intersession, December 18-22.

- A. **Local Control Accountability Plan – Local Indicators:** Chief Business Officer Parsons addressed the board and handed out a document to preview the Local Control Funding Formula Dashboard Local Indicators, to explain what GPA will report for Local Indicators on our Dashboard. The document contains the 6 priorities and the evaluation of each one as completed by campus leadership and student survey data. The

information will go live on Dashboard after December 1st. This does not require action from the board, but the board was given an opportunity to respond and was pleased with the information, as presented.

- B. Suicide Prevention Policy: Assistant Director Lisa Maples presented parts of the policy to the board as the board reviewed the policy through Board Docs.

Motion to approve Suicide Prevention Policy m/s/c Spitzberg/Evans 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- A. Monthly Financials:

Mr. Chodzko reviewed September's monthly financials as approved by the Finance Committee. GPA is budgeted for an ADA of 1262.79 based on enrollment of 1315. Total revenue is projected to be \$15,387,586. GPA is being fiscally responsible by not overspending during good times in order to maintain a healthy reserve. Ms. Evans asked about the federal mental health reimbursement and Mr. Tamayo explained how that works for students that attend another school, but are still considered GPA students for reimbursement purposes. GPA pays the alternative school on behalf of that student(s).

Motion for acceptance of monthly financials m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan 9 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- B. Draft Third Party Audit Report:

Mr. Chodzko introduced the draft audit from last year's firm that has a new name. Our audit came back with no findings.

Motion for acceptance of the draft third party audit as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Spitzberg 9 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- C. One-Time Mandate Funds:

Mr. Chodzko explained these represent funds in the State adopted budget of \$174,592.

Motion for acceptance of the One-Time Mandate Funds as recommended by the Finance Committee. m/s/c Finance Committee/Evans 9 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- D. Prop 39 Energy Manager Services:

Ms. Parsons presented the proposal from First Note Finance, Inc. to manage our Prop 39 Energy Efficiency Grant Program. The district has approved our partnering with this company.

Motion for approval of acceptance of First Note Financial, Inc. proposal as recommended by The Finance Committee m/s/c Mehan/Chodzko 9 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Assistant Director Levenson reported on the last Education Committee meeting. Dr. Mehan commented that the Committee has been "robust in it's actions on behalf of students."

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Chodzko's reported on behalf of Ms. Nevels about the Constant Contact program to soliciting donations to GPA. Today the "Giving Tuesday" email went out from the program and there already was a \$500 donation. Please give Mr. Chodzko any recommended emails to add to this outreach program. Donation update: The annual goal is \$775,000; have received \$7,603.81 to date with another \$210,000 committed. Currently there is \$63,000 in outstanding funds. \$494, 396.19 remains to be fund raised.

BOARD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

No report submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report submitted.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. m/s/c Mehan/Chodzko 9 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed