



GOMPERS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 20, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.

GPA Wingspan; Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cecil H. Steppe, Maria Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Rafael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan, Jacque Nevels, Vincent Riveroll, Michael Rodrigues and Anne Spitzberg.

EXCUSED:

Michelle Evans, Mica Pollock and Larry Tamayo.

GPA STAFF PRESENT AND SPEAKING GUESTS OR VISITORS:

John Bartholomew, Jane Levenson, Jenny Parsons, Lisa Maples, Paz Garcia Ramirez, Melissa Bitanga, Sandra Mesa, Rayonna Davis, Jameia Johnson, Devera & Jazmine Scott, and Shelly Buono.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and reminded those present about the Brown Act. Following the Brown Act, the public can comment on anything not on the agenda, which would then be put on the agenda of a future meeting if the board felt it needed to be discussed. He asked for any public comments and there were none. Board members reviewed the agenda items and minutes from the January 16, 2018 board meeting.

Motion to approve January's minutes m/s/c Chodzko/Mehan 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Steppe requested at the May meeting that there be a report about the Encore program and what is being offered to our students after school. Mr. Hernandez asked for an update on expulsions at GPA this school year at the May meeting, as well.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director reported on GPA activities since the last board meeting, which began with student led parent conferences Jan. 16-22 as well as quarter 2 finals, which are worth 25% of the academic grade. Implementing quarterfinals is intended to mimic the UC system and prepare our students for college expectations. February brought the Homecoming court, the Lip Sync competition and the coronation. For the first time, the varsity eagles female soccer team served as the Homecoming game this year. On Feb. 13th there was a lockdown due to a community issue and the law enforcement personnel involved commented on how well our staff and students handled the lockdown. SDUSD was doing their audit on campus that day and will be returning to finish it this spring. The following day we hosted the director of WASC. On Feb. 28th the seniors reenacted the March on Washington.

March 1st was Founders Day and we celebrated our 13th year of operation. Three hundred and five eagles were honored at the Honor Roll Ceremony for both middle and high school in March. GPA's annual Science Fair saw two students go on to the Greater San Diego Science Fair. GPA also hosted the League of Amazing Programmers and six of our students completed the UCSD Extension credit. Additionally, Mohammed Elarbi was invited as an alumnus to the Disney Dreamers Academy in Florida and spoke very professionally to the attendees about his dreams and work since being there as an attendee last year. The Splash Science Lab came to GPA, as well, to work with our 6th graders. March also brought the Scholastic Book Fair and the GPA Family Literacy Night. Key Club planted marigolds and painted the shed. Seventh graders went to the Natural History Museum and were mentioned in a Union Tribune article. Also, some students and staff participated in the Randy Jones Run/Walk to help raise money

for those with developmental challenges. Ms. Davis' art students went to the Art Museum and Balboa Park to expand their art experiences. Adventure Club went snowboarding and our 8th graders went to UCSD's School of Medicine. Our seniors toured both UCLA and UC Irvine. GPA is on break and will return on Monday, April 2nd for an all day staff development training. The first two weeks of May will be AP testing.

- A. El Dorado County Charter SELPA Participating Agreement: Ms. Levenson explained that every year the SELPA asks the board to approve the agreement for the upcoming year. We have been with this SELPA for nine years now, which allows us to hire our own staff and teach as we choose for our special needs students.

Motion to approve El Dorado County Charter SELPA participating agreement m/s/c Mehan/Hernandez 11 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed

- B. Local Control Accountability Plan: Ms. Parsons talked about the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), which she gave to each board member as it currently stands for next year. It will be reviewed, discussed and approved at May's board meeting. Ms. Parsons will be working with Mr. Tamayo to determine the finances to go along with the goals that are established in the plan. Ms. Parsons works with those stakeholders whose sections will need updates for this next year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- A. Monthly Financials:

Mr. Chodzko reviewed the January 2018 financials that he gave everyone a hard copy of at their place.

Motion for acceptance of January's monthly financials m/s/c Chodzko/Nevels 11 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- B. Second Interim Report:

Mr. Chodzko discussed the report that goes to SDUSD in their format. It comes straight from the January financial information.

Motion for approval of the Second Interim Report as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan 11 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- C. Winter Consolidated Application:

This is reporting on federal funds that our school receives.

Motion for approval of the Winter Consolidated Application as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Spitzberg 11 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- D. 990 Tax Return:

Clifton, Larsen and Allen, our auditors, complete this return for us.

Motion for approval of the 990 Tax Return as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan 11 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

- E. Third Party Auditor Selection:

GPA is very happy with the work of Clifton, Larsen and Allen *as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan 11 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed*

- F. Power School Contract Renewal:

Power School is a Student Information System that manages attendance and grades.

Motion for approval of the PowerSchool Contract Renewal as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan 11 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

G. Upgrade Carpeting in the Auditorium:

GPA got a bid for new carpet to change the current carpet in the auditorium. The bid is \$15,873.00 to replace the carpet and is within the budget for the Capital Improvements line item.

Motion for approval of the upgraded carpet as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hernandez 11 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

H. Library New Circulation Desk:

In order to supervise the library effectively and have the correct number of adults observing our students at all times, a new circulation desk is needed. This will create a more effective working library. The bid is not to exceed \$20,000.00 including delivery, tax and installation and is within the budget for the Capital Improvements line item.

Motion for approval of the Library New Circulation Desk as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Rodrigues 11 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

I. Campus Printers Contract:

MRC to provide the contract to provide ongoing service of printers on the GPA campus.

Motion for approval of the Campus Printers Contract as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Nevels 11 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Next meeting is scheduled for the first week of April, so no report for this meeting.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Chodzko discussed the fundraising to this point: \$220,580.00 funds have been raised and the Grants Outstanding total is \$187,552. Funds remaining to be raised are \$341,868.00. Supervisor Greg Cox and Kay Pollard toured the campus. They were incredibly impressed by what they saw and they are looking at donating to GPA and we are waiting to hear what that donation might be.

Mr. Chodzko said we sold \$1,000.00 in tickets just through the board alone for the Black Minds Matter Concert in February. Ms. Nevels suggested that any concerts on campus include students, which will include their parents and friends. The League of Women Voters visited campus and toured with Mr. Chodzko and Ms. Nevels in order to see what charter schools are really about. It was a very successful visit.

BOARD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

No report submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report submitted.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. m/s/c Mehan/Lobbins 11 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

CLOSED SESSION FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING:

Performance review for Director Riveroll.